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Summary of the Previous Volume

Metropolitan Police First Investigation Division Police Sergeant Hisashi Sawamura (32) was in pursuit of the culprit of the Lay Judge Abnormal Serial Murders, in which five people have been murdered who served as lay judges in a certain murder trial which handed down a death penalty. In order to rescue his wife, who voted for the death penalty in that same trial, Sawamura chased after the man in the frog mask, who had abducted both his wife and son...but the culprit slipped away by a hair. However, Sawamura caught up with the culprit once again with the assistance of his junior officer Nishino. As though mocking Sawamura, the "Devilish Frog Man" took Nishino hostage and let him drop from the roof of the building. And then...!!!

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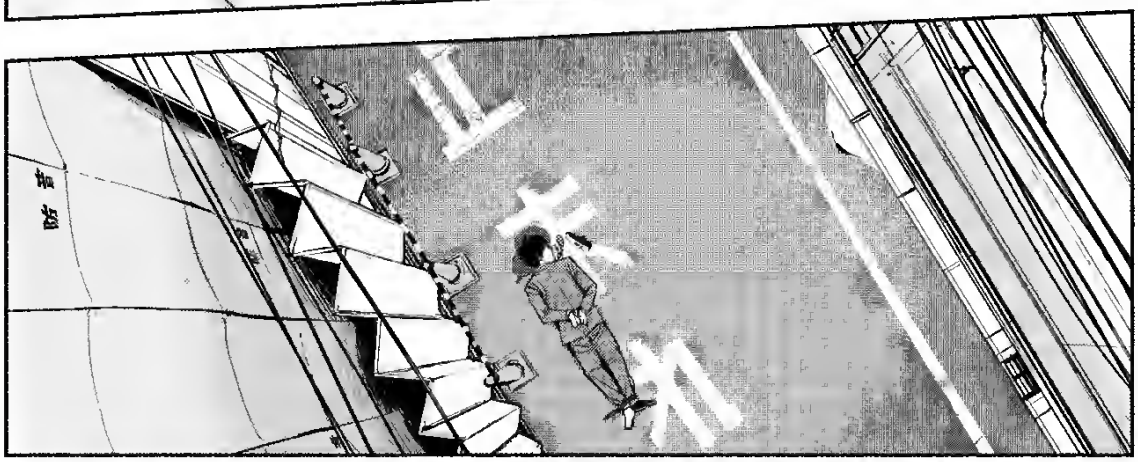
KOFF
KOFF

ドン

Sempai.
防具
防具
防具

CREAK
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
KA-CHAK
NISHINOO!
THUNK



Nishi...

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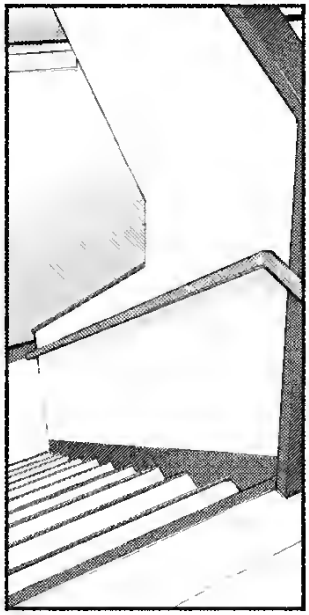

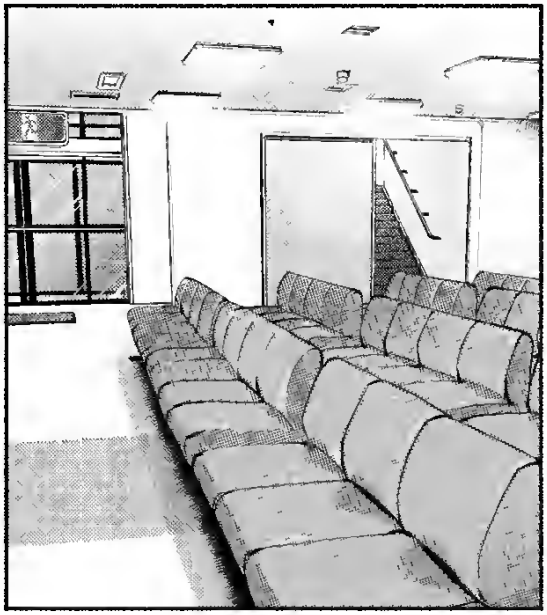

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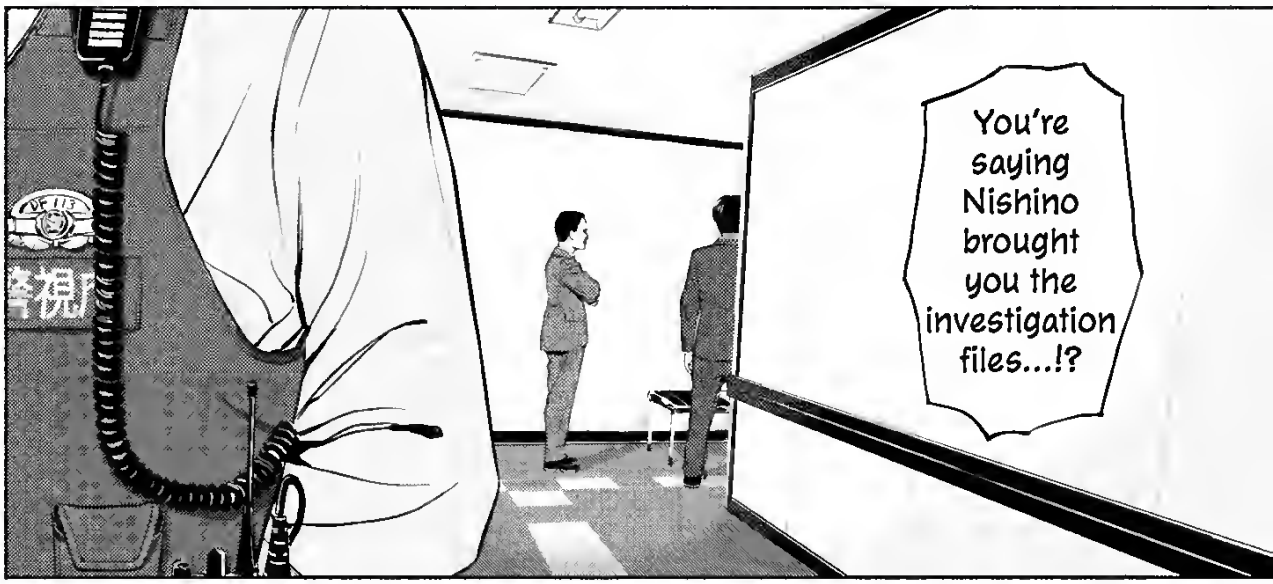
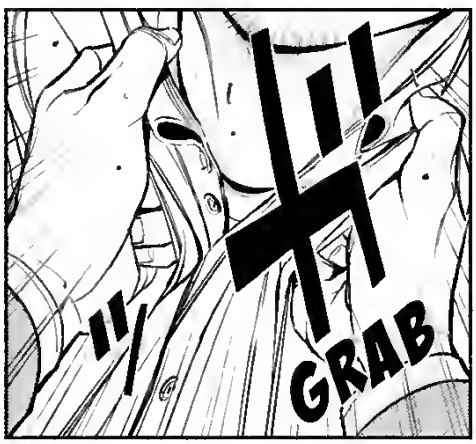
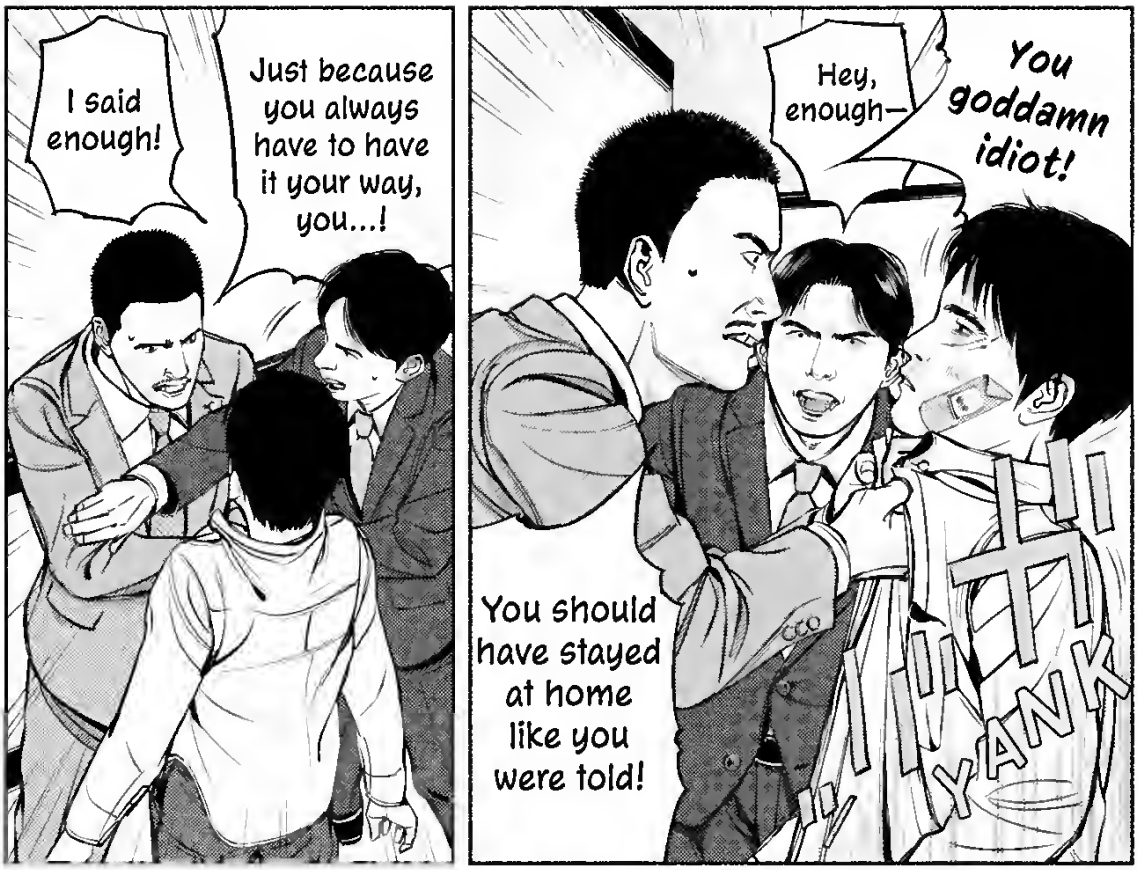

You're saying Nishino brought you the investigation files...!?

...Yeah.


GRAB

That's right... I asked him to.


I said enough!
Just because you always have to have it your way, you...!
Hey, enough—
You goddamn idiot!
You should have stayed at home like you were told!
YANK

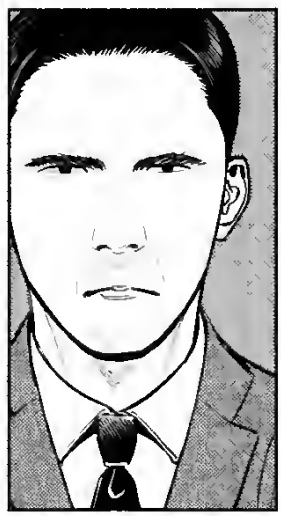
If only I hadn't called Nishino...

... He's completely right.

Maybe now, he would be...

...I got Nishino killed.

...
Why did the suspect show himself to you two?



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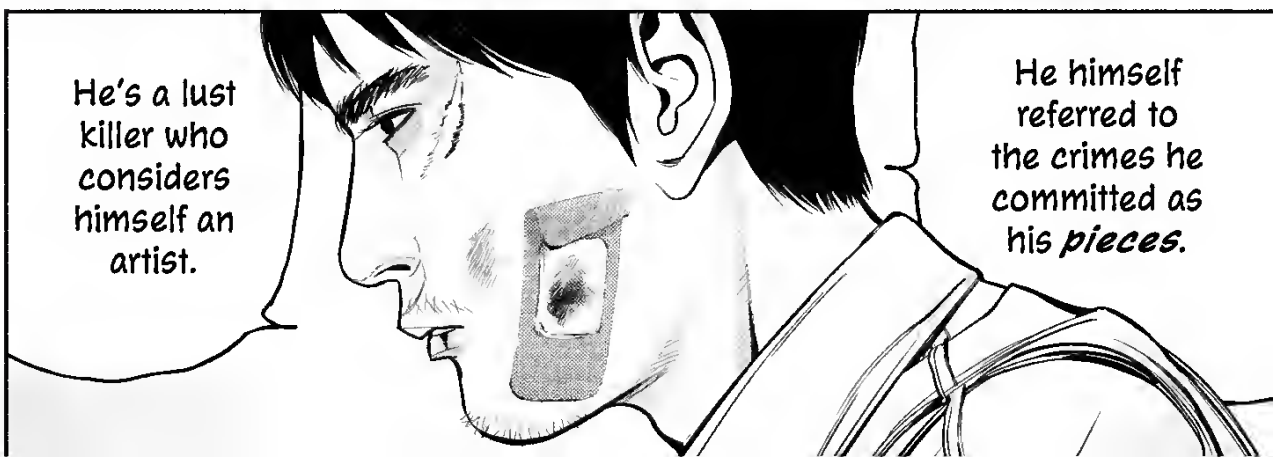
...
Seems to me you'd have some guess...

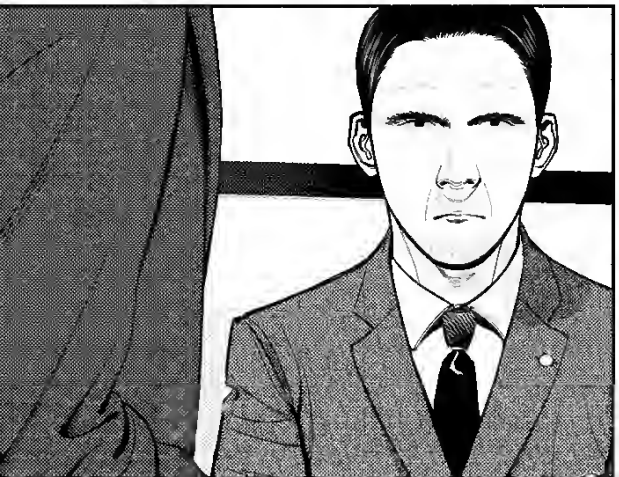
His actions were never for revenge.
I exchanged words with the perp...
And Ohashi was never guilty...

What ...?!
...!

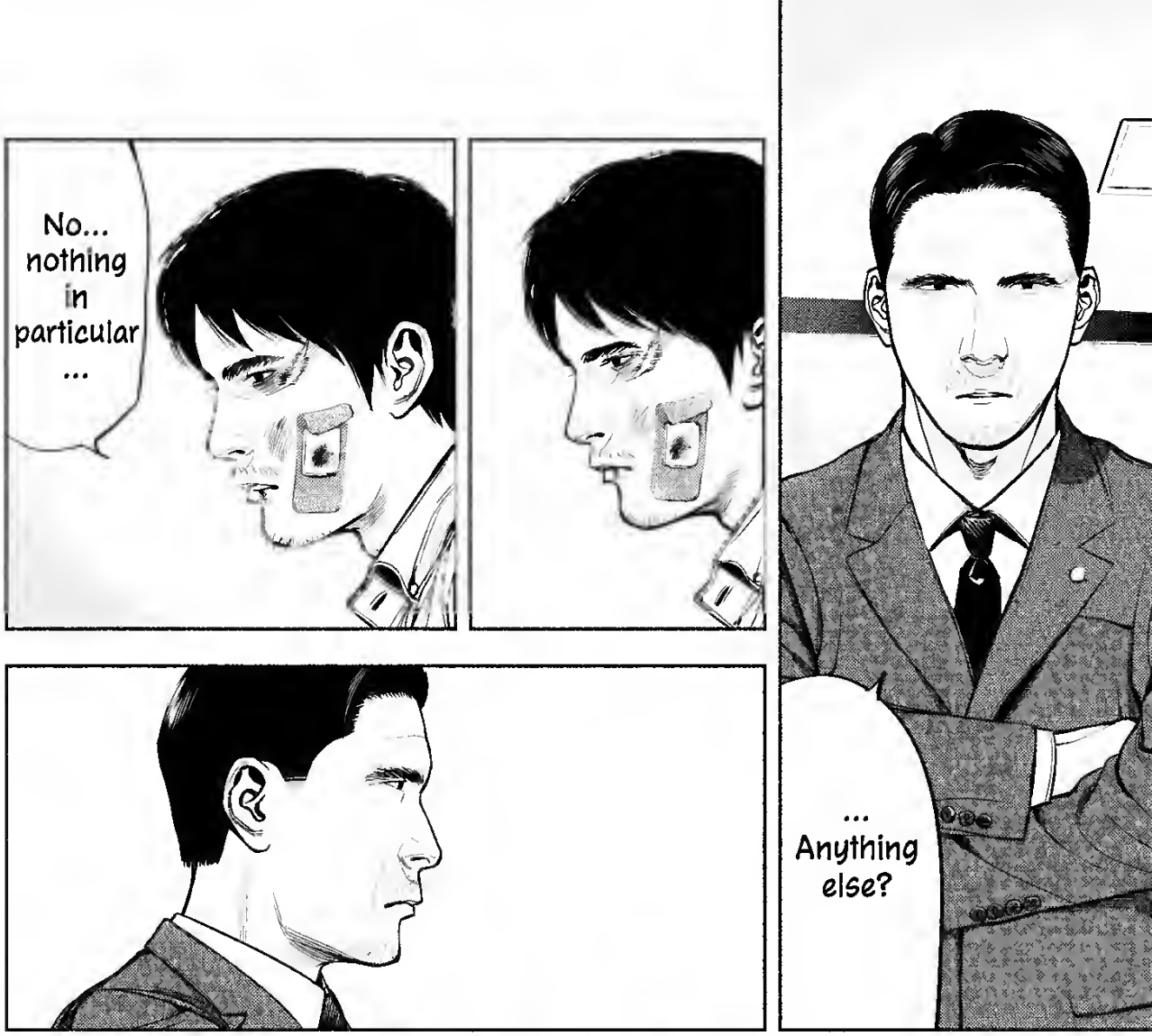

He's a lust killer who considers himself an artist.
He himself referred to the crimes he committed as his *pieces*.

He harboured a grudge against the lay judges who falsely attributed his murders to Ohashi.
So he made them into more of his pieces.

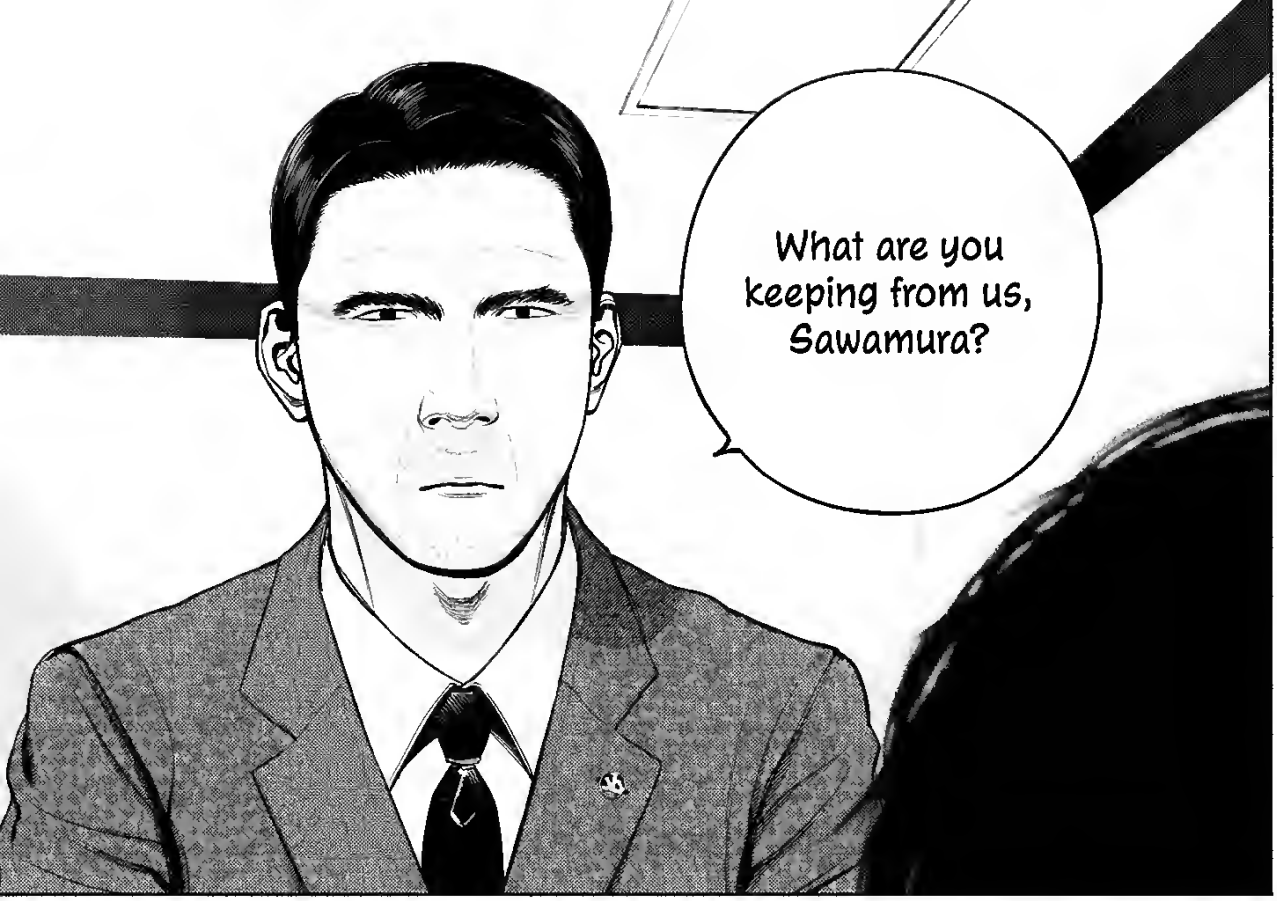
Inspector ...!



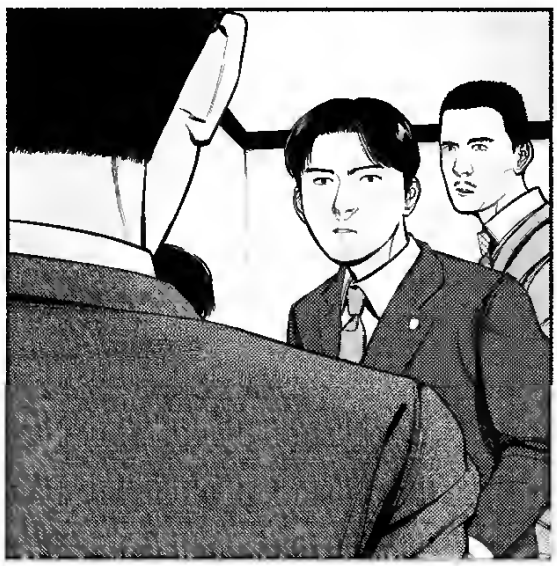
What did you say?!
No way! That can't be...


No... nothing in particular ...
... Anything else?

I can't help but come to that conclusion...
...
It's not that the suspect showed himself to you and Nishino.
But rather to you specifically...


What are you keeping from us, Sawamura?

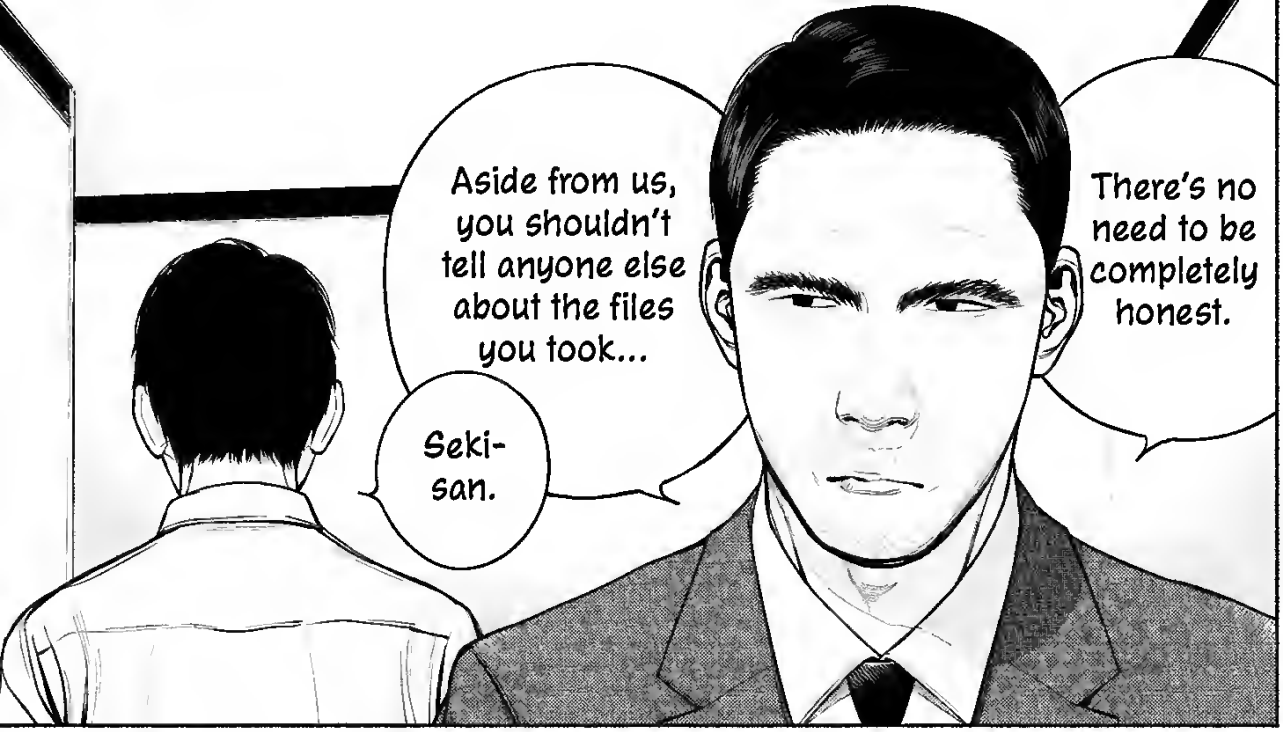
I'm relieved to see you're doing well.



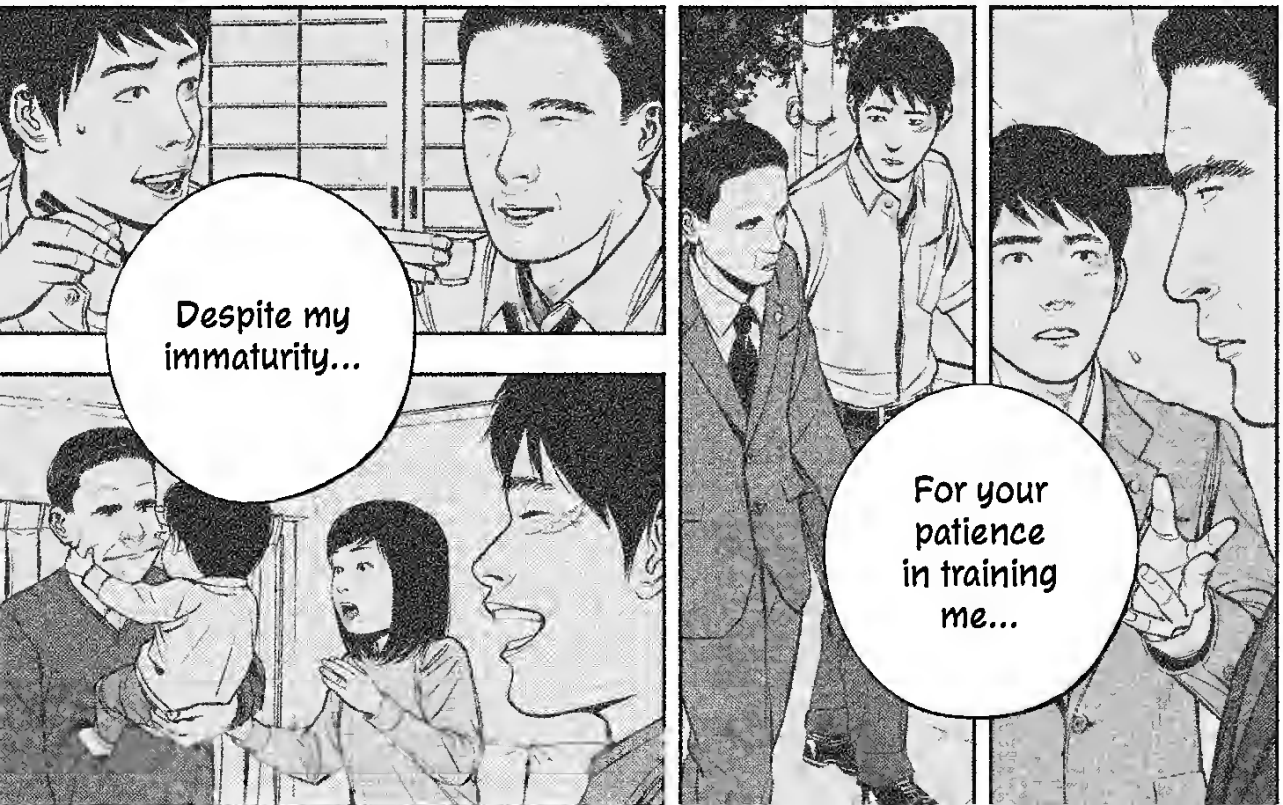
I need you, you see...
I'll come for you another time, Detective Sawamura...

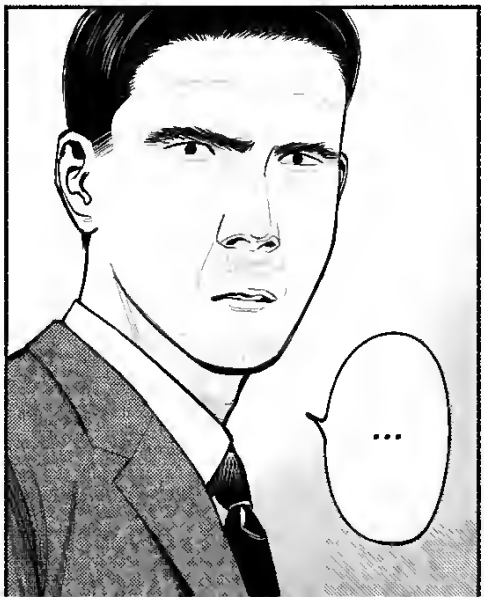
...
No, I'm not... hiding anything.
Sawamura!
...
TUMP

Right...
I'm to transport you to HQ.
You've got the top brass flipping their lids!
CLATTER
...
However, I understand your feelings all too well.
The actions you've taken are unbecoming of an officer.


Aside from us, you shouldn't tell anyone else about the files you took...
There's no need to be completely honest.
Seki-san.

I'm grateful to you...
...


Despite my immaturity...
For your patience in training me...



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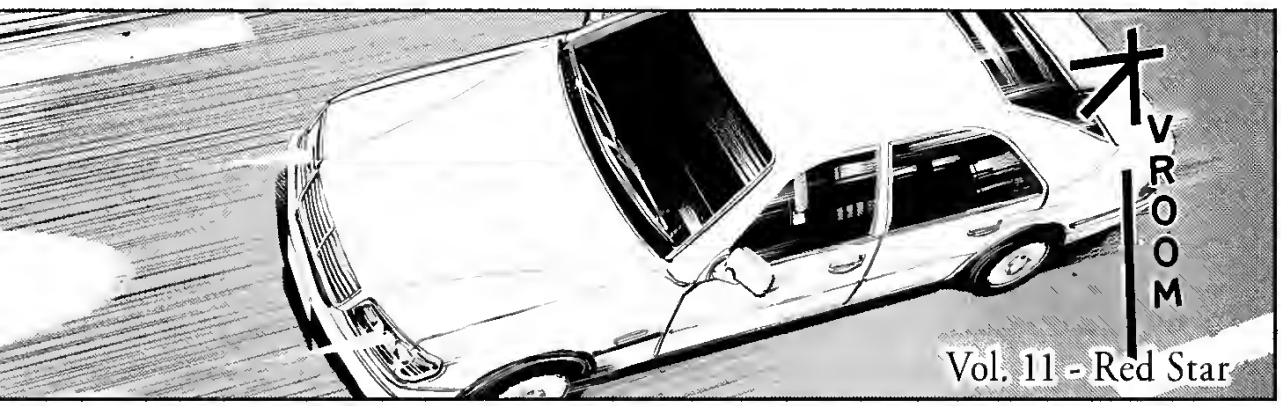
How much longer till we reach HQ?
BEEP
ブロロロ
ドゥルルルルルル…
30になっても
僕達の旅は
まだ終わらないよ…


オ VROOM
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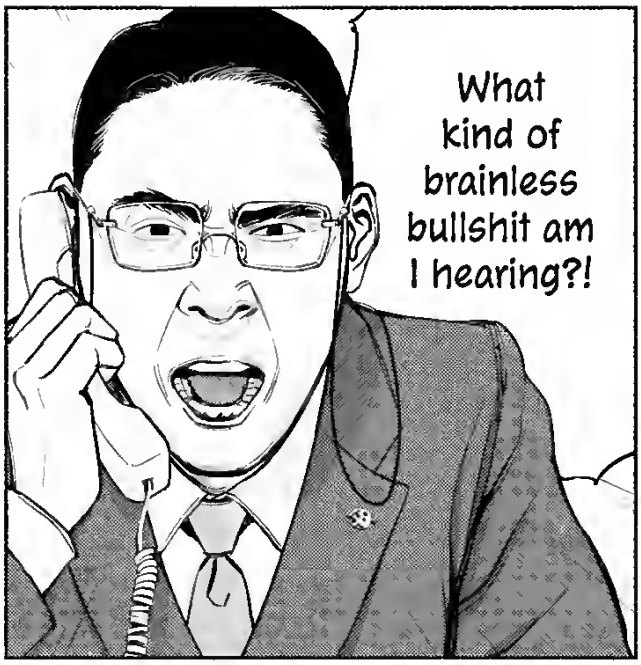
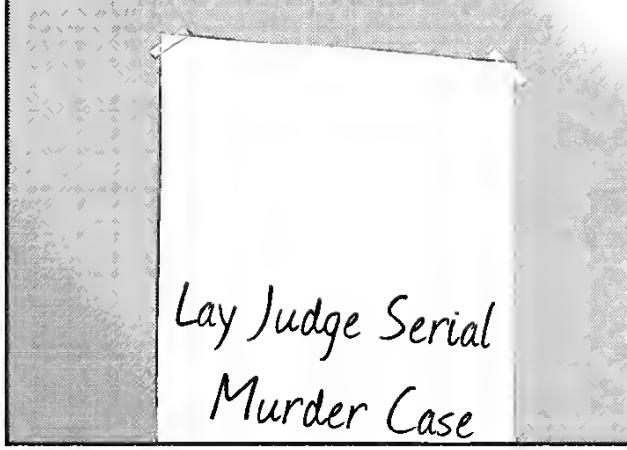
Guess I'm screwed.

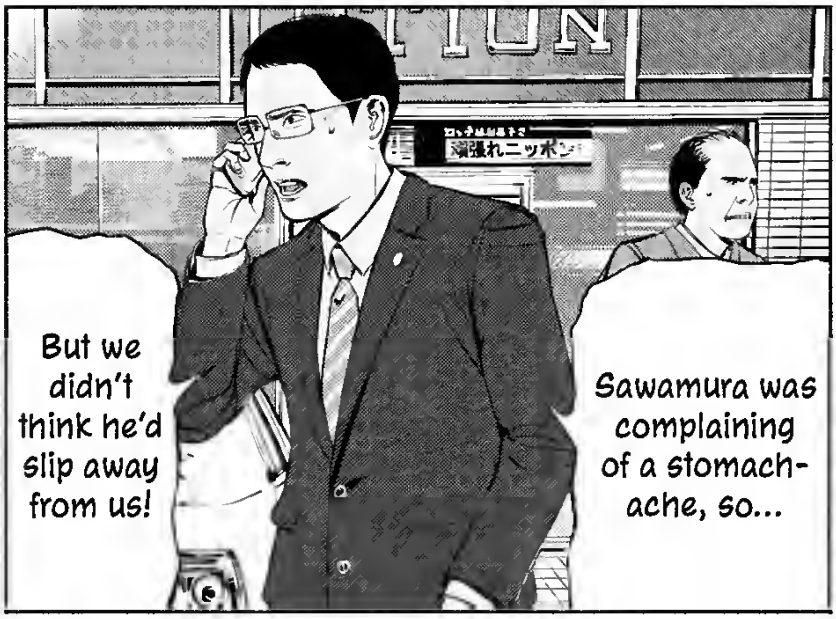
Hm?

30 to 40 minutes... give or take.
...


What kind of brainless bullshit am I hearing?!


Lay Judge Serial Murder Case

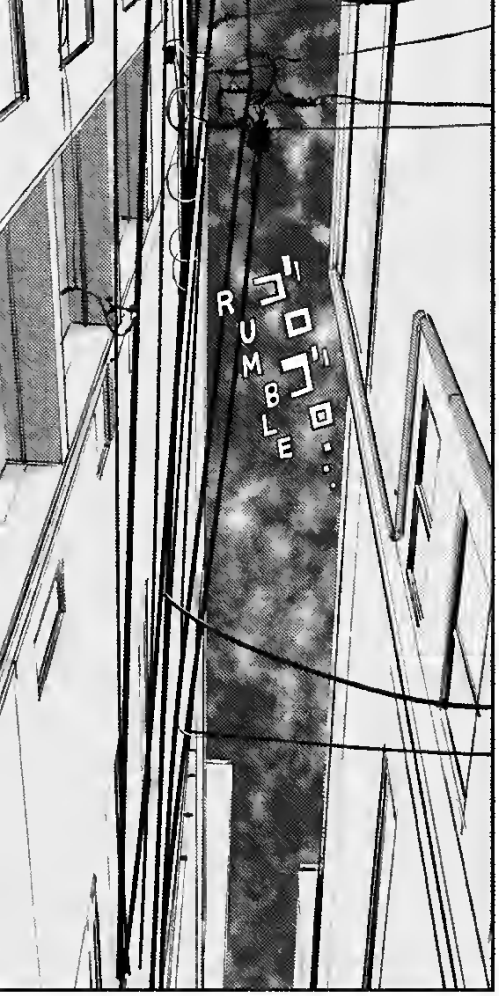
BAM!!!


But we didn't think he'd slip away from us!
Sawamura was complaining of a stomach-ache, so...

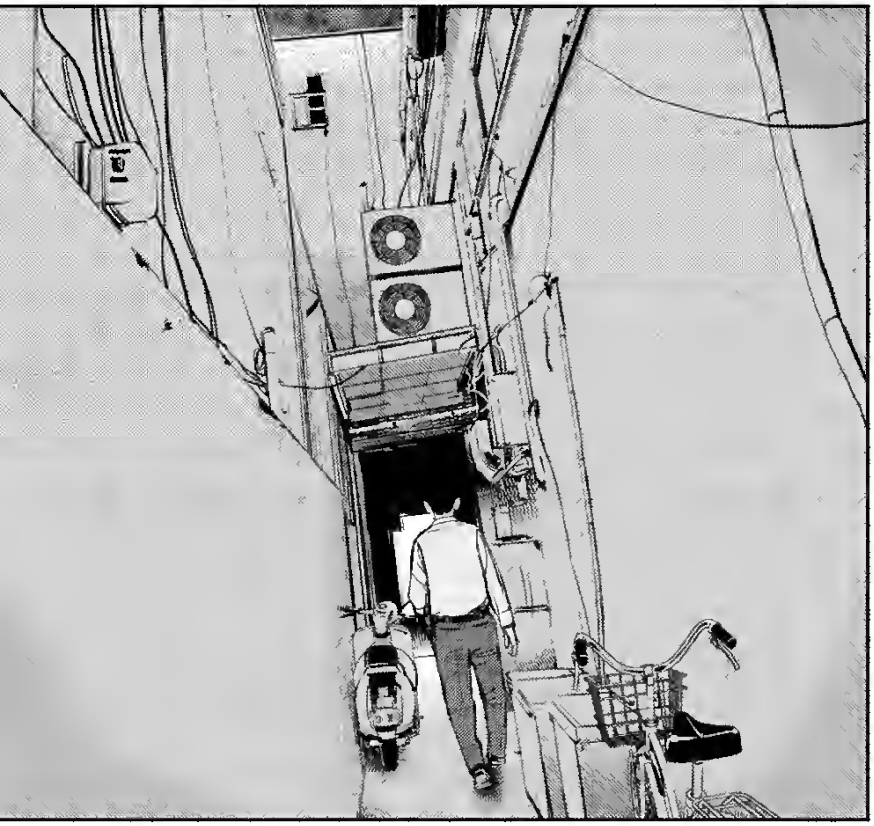
I'm very sorry...!
LOTION
STATION
酒・たば
銀行ATM

CLACK
カチッ
チャッ

I don't need your excuses! Get out there and find him this instant, you idiot!


RUMBLE
ゴロゴロ…

Damn it. What the devil are you up to, Sawamura ...!
...



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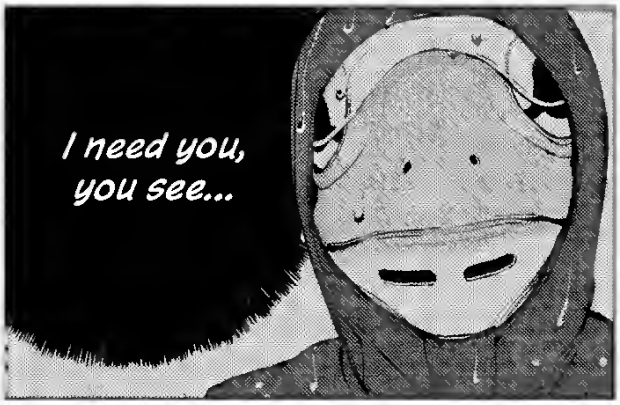
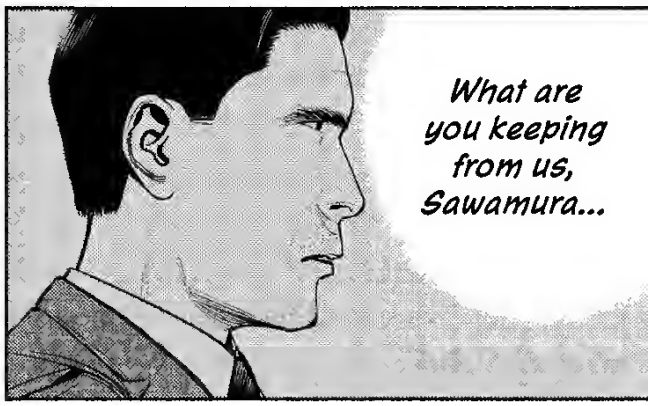
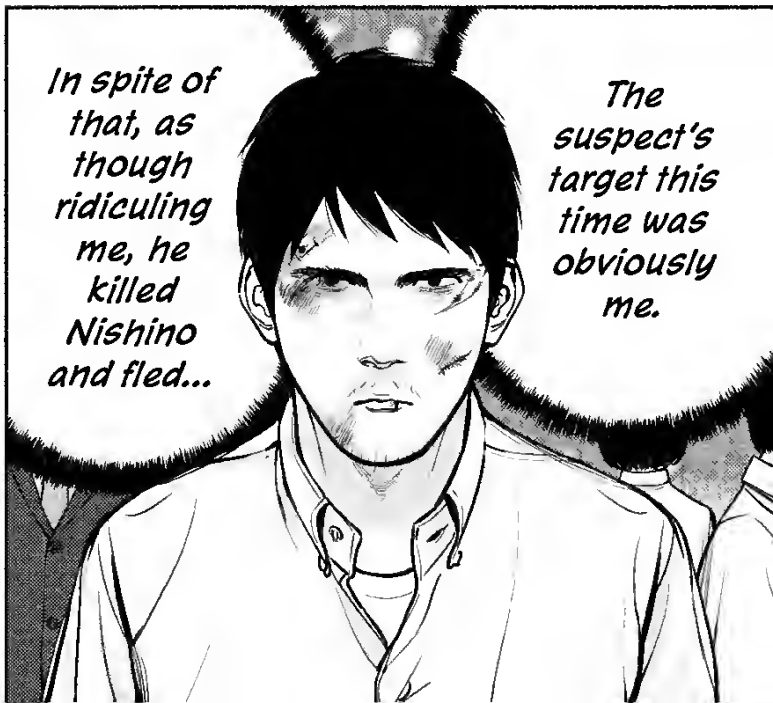
武蔵
2F
Zawa Swimming School
FUJI
GIWA

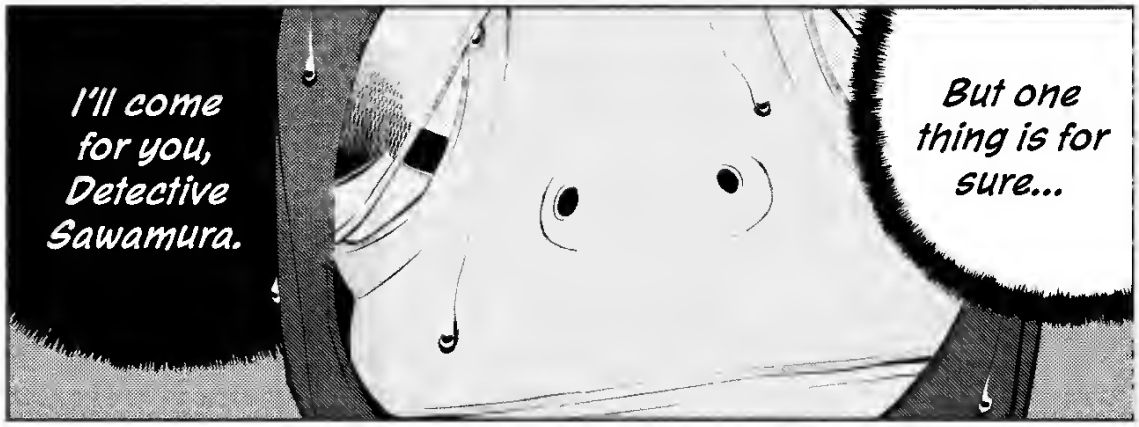

I need you, you see...


What are you keeping from us, Sawamura...

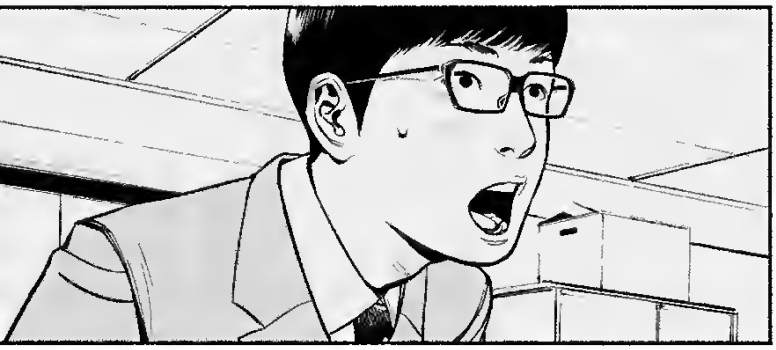
I can't help but look forward to that moment...

There's no telling what he's planning...


In spite of that, as though ridiculing me, he killed Nishino and fled...
The suspect's target this time was obviously me.


I'll come for you, Detective Sawamura.
But one thing is for sure...

Without a doubt, he'll show his face again...!



I won't let the police have him!

は避難
地点に
等を置かな
さい。

HARUKA...
SHOUTA...
NISHINO...
...TO PUT HIM IN THE GROUND WITH MY OWN HANDS.
I'M GOING...

KA-
CLAK
ガ
ゴ
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KA-
CLAK
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自転車を除く

TUMP
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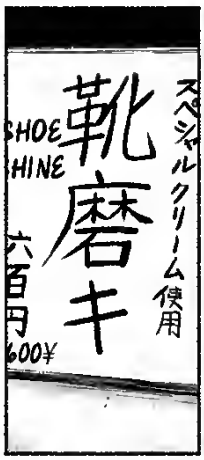
ト
'Ello, step right—


スペシャルクリーム使用
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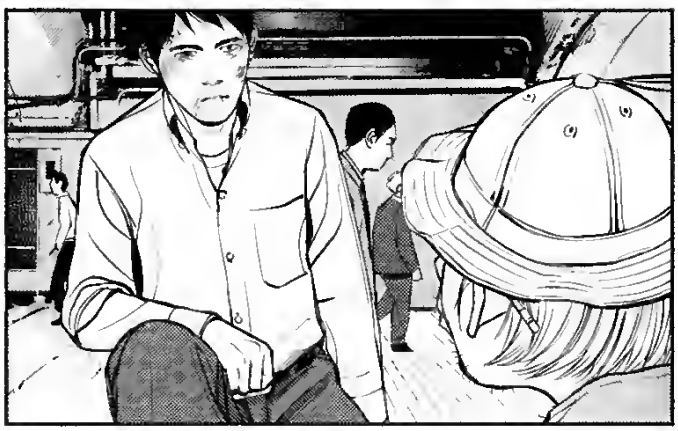

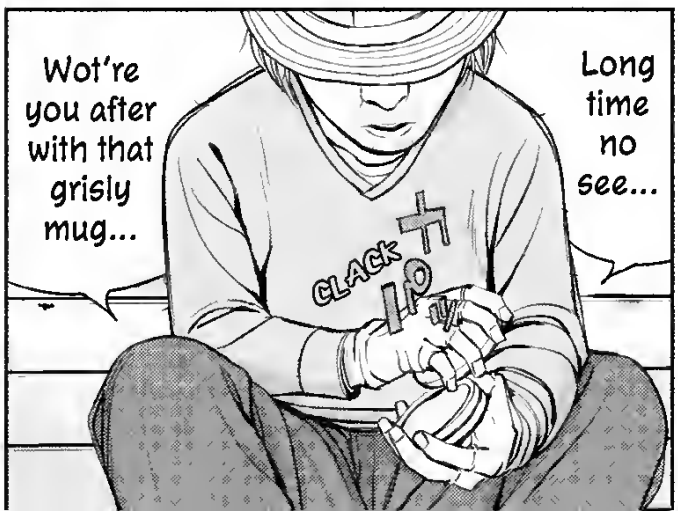
Wot're you after with that grisly mug...
Long time no see...
CLACK
カ
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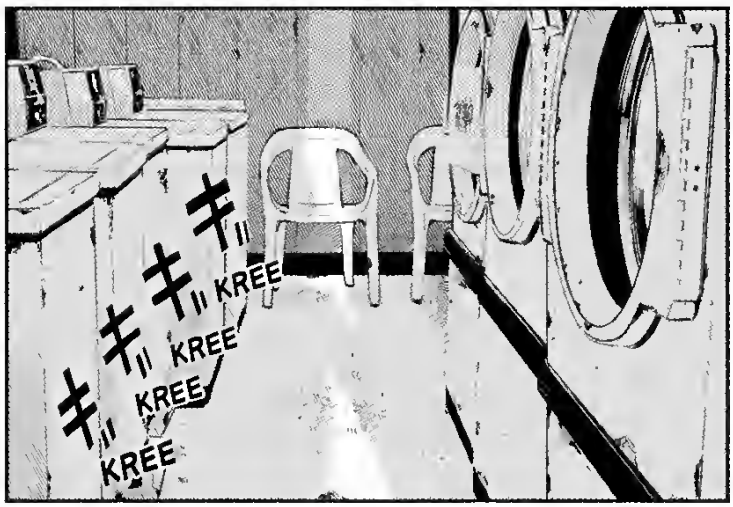
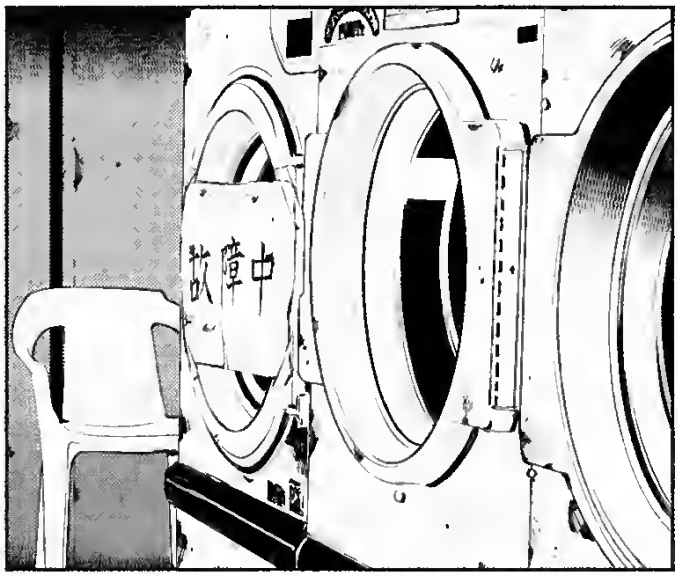
I need a tool...
...
This un's quite a packet.
フラップ
FLAP
Can you get it for me?
...
A tool ...?
...
I'm asking you if you can do it or not.
Every now and then I do get a feller with a request like yours...
SNIFF
SNIFF
Bituva shocker to hear it from a copper like yourself though.
I'm not here to chitchat.

But since you need it straight away... you after a Red Star?
KA-CLAK
The best you've got.
KA-CLAK
SLIDE
Well, shit. Seeing as I owe ya a life debt, I can't possibly say no.
SCRITCH
I'll arrange it...
FLICK
Be there at this time, on the dot.
RRRIP
KA-CLAK
Inside on the right corner.
KA-CLAK
スペシャルクリーム使用

*Beware of purse-snatchers





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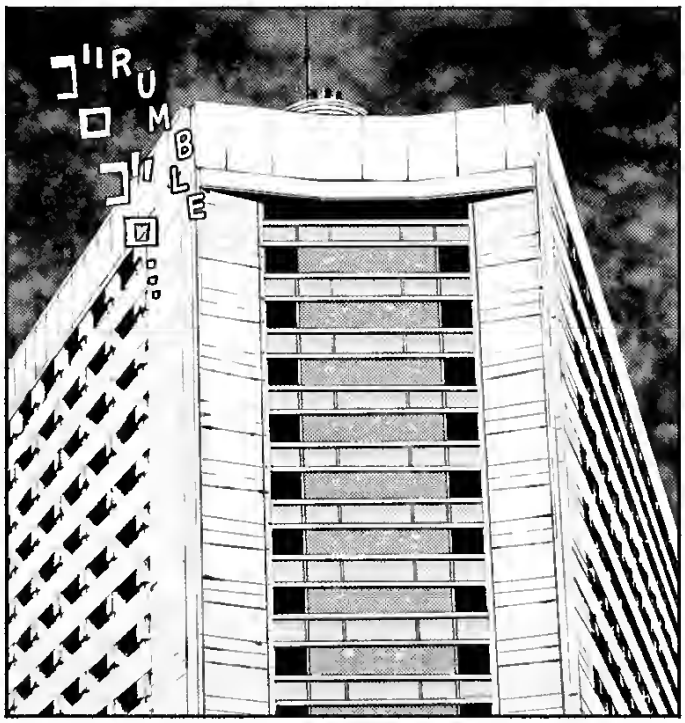
*OUT OF ORDER

In other words...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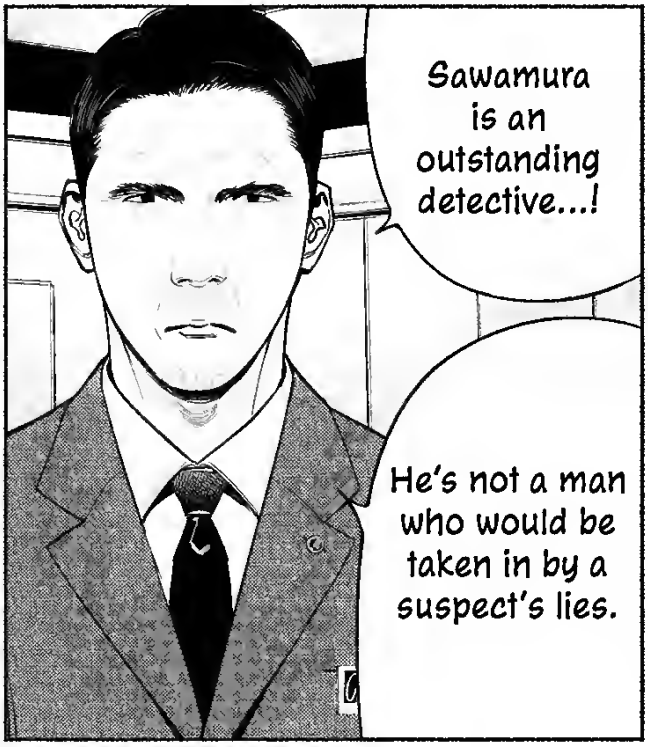
RUMBLE

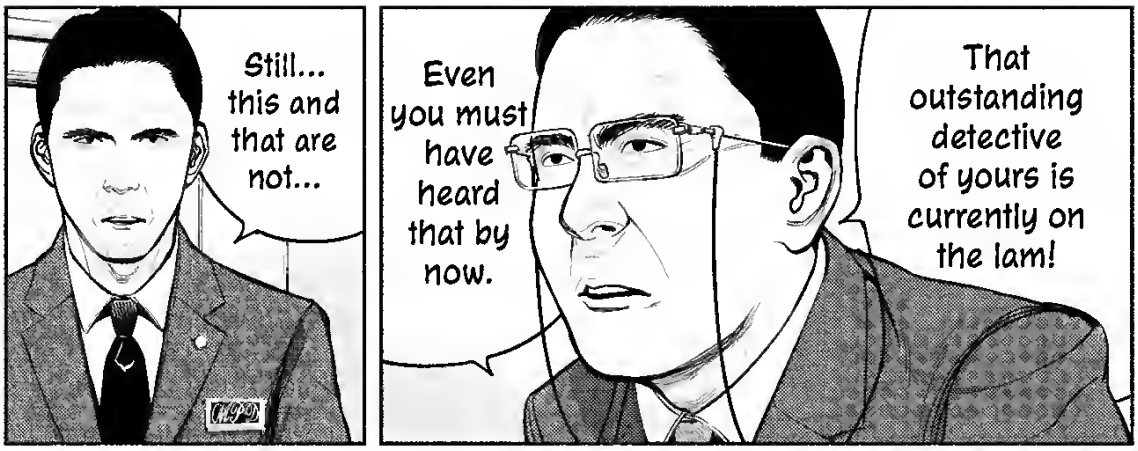
Ohashi and the culprit are unrelated...
He's committing lynch murders out of resentment towards the lay judges who misattributed his own work to Ohashi.
Yes.
We'll never catch up to the culprit if we continue based on the link to the Shigeru Ohashi.
At this time we should reconsider the objective of our investigation...
...

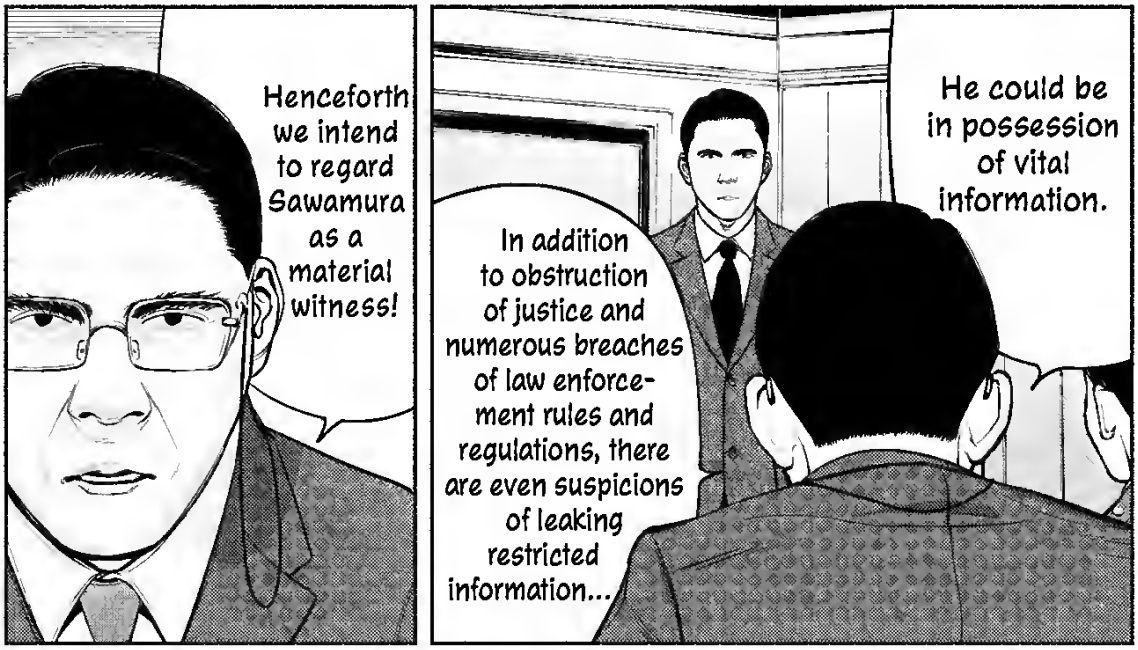
What are your thoughts, Chief Okabe?

I can't deny I have concerns that the suspect spun a fabrication with the purpose of rerailing the investigation.
In this matter we should approach each and every possibility with caution.

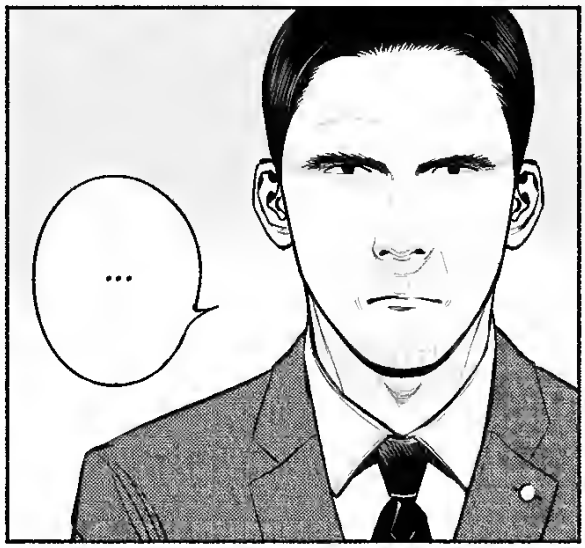
He only told us after confirming it himself!
Don't make me laugh!

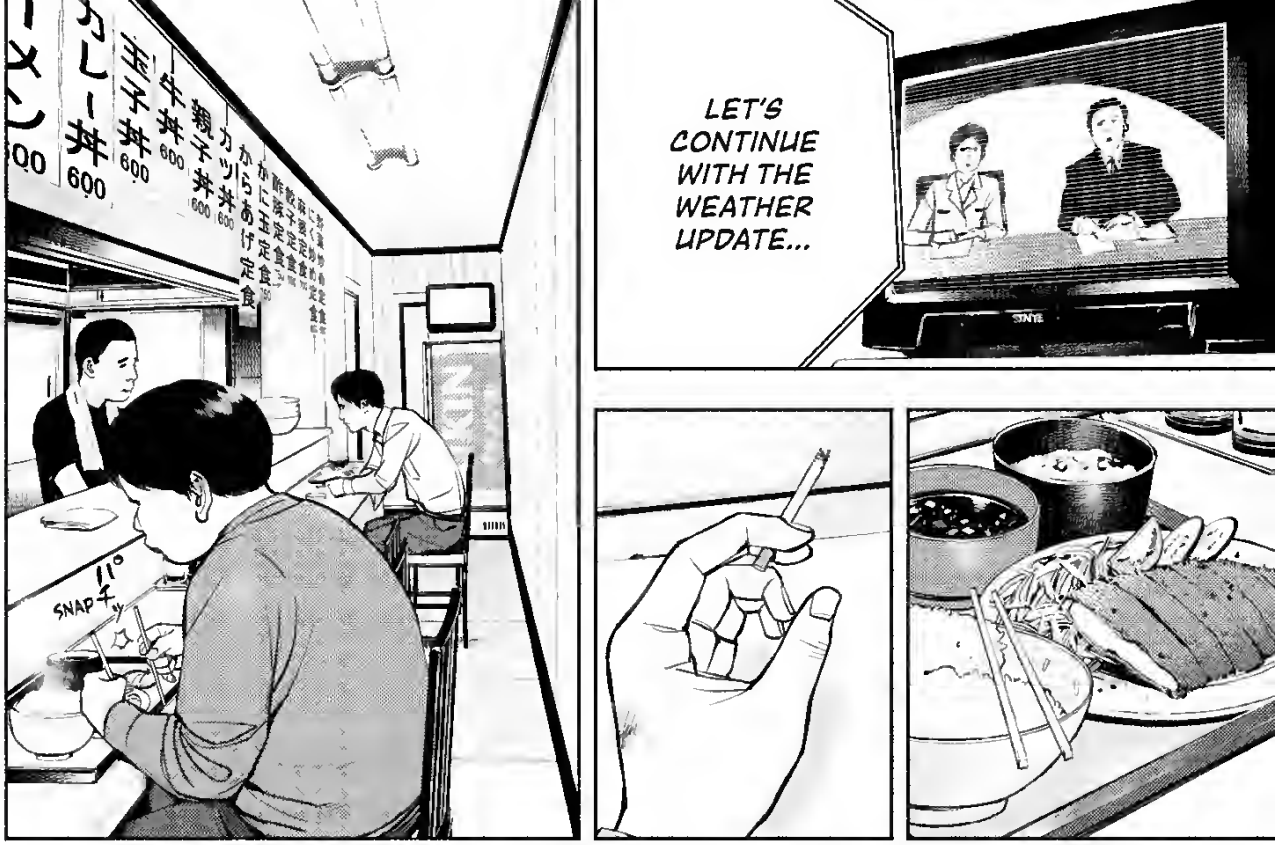

Sawamura is an outstanding detective...!
He's not a man who would be taken in by a suspect's lies.


Still... this and that are not...
Even you must have heard that by now.
That outstanding detective of yours is currently on the lam!

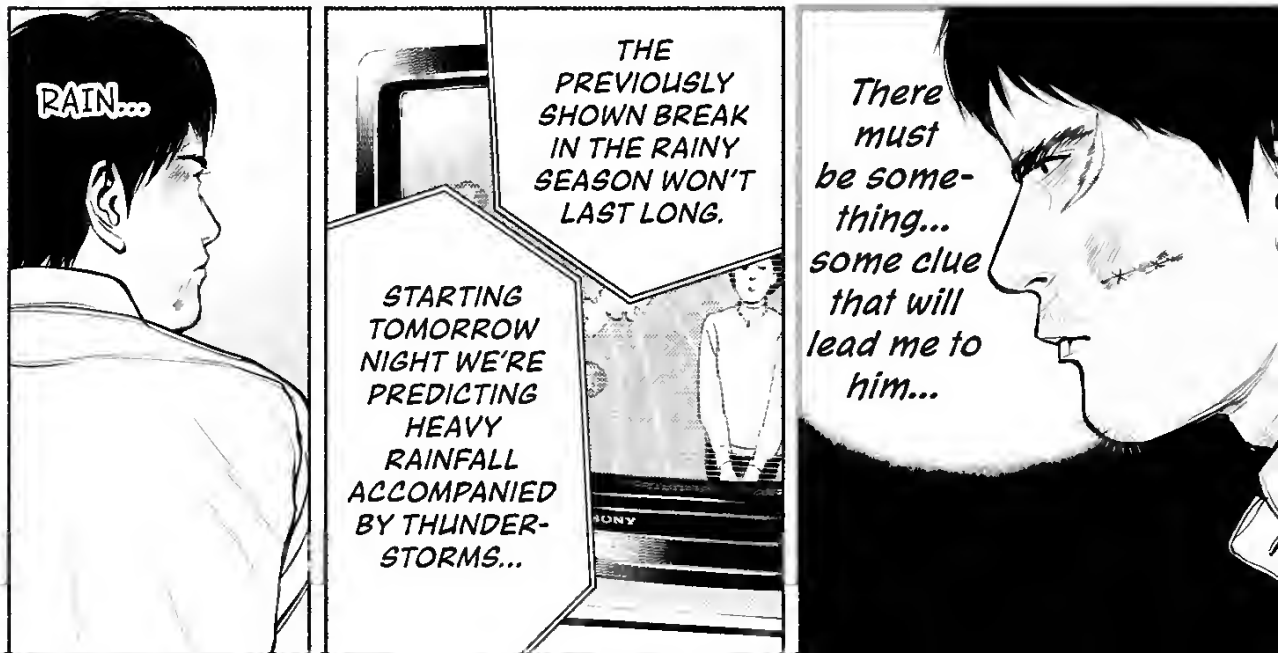

Henceforth we intend to regard Sawamura as a material witness!
He could be in possession of vital information.
In addition to obstruction of justice and numerous breaches of law enforcement rules and regulations, there are even suspicions of leaking restricted information...

*Namamugi Snack Bar



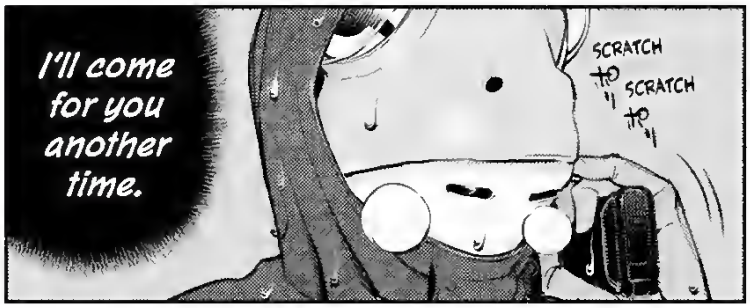

LET'S CONTINUE WITH THE WEATHER UPDATE...
SNAP
11°

I can't take waiting around on my ass like this...
When will he show himself...


RAIN...
THE PREVIOUSLY SHOWN BREAK IN THE RAINY SEASON WON'T LAST LONG.
STARTING TOMORROW NIGHT WE'RE PREDICTING HEAVY RAINFALL ACCOMPANIED BY THUNDER-STORMS...
There must be some-thing... some clue that will lead me to him...

Almost all the crimes he committed have been in rainy weather...
That's his style...
The rain makes it hard to see him clearly...
The next time he shows up will probably be a rainy day...
And the evidence is washed away...
Surrounding people are distracted...
CLATTER
BOW
BOW
I...I'm very sorry. It must have slipped in on accident.
Accident? Are you retarded!? Can't you tell I nearly broke out in hives!
Don't give me that shit! Why the fuck is there shrimp in my food?!

It's not a matter of like or dislike! Depending on the situation, there's a good chance I could die!
I sincerely apologize. We'll make a new one for you right away...
KIKIN BEEL


I'll come for you another time.
SCRATCH
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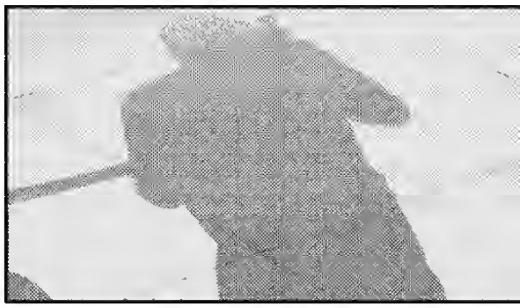
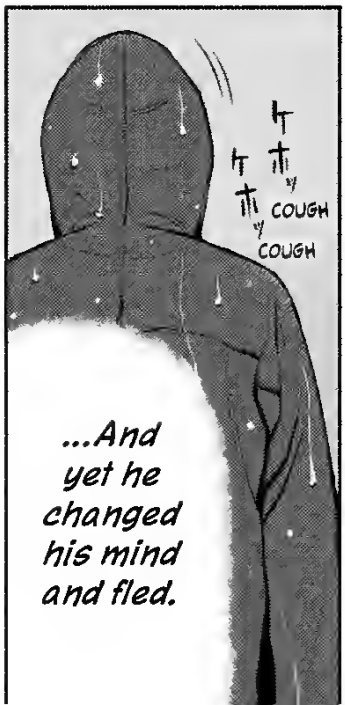
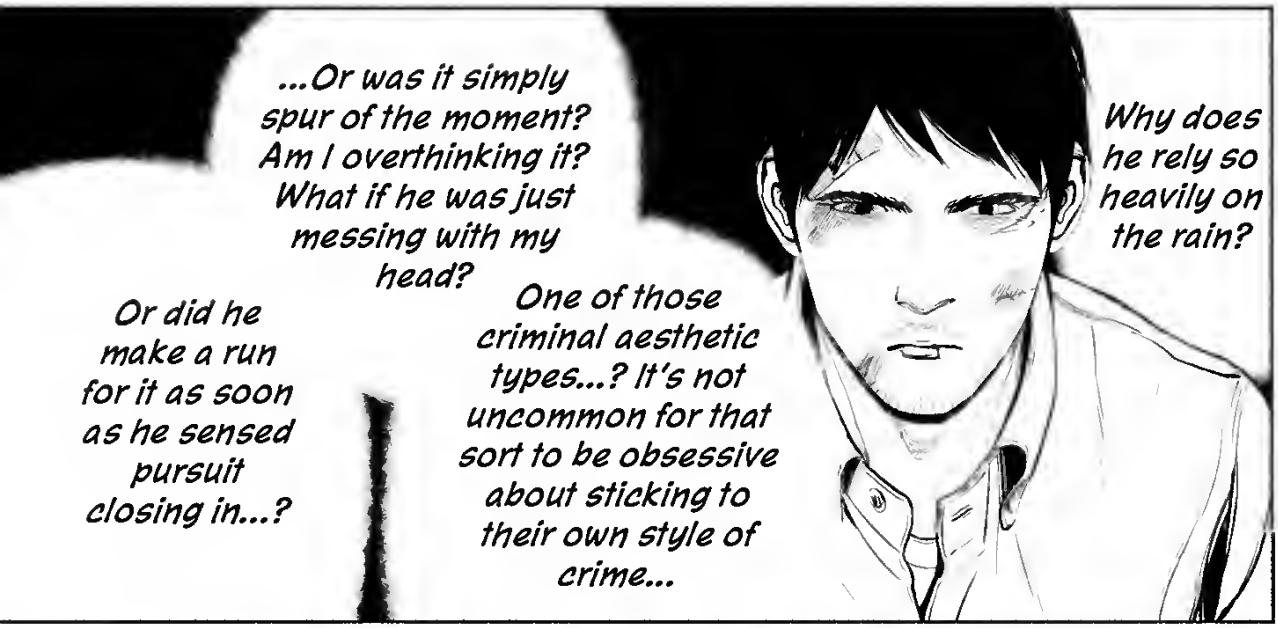



COUGH
COUGH
...And yet he changed his mind and fled.

I was his target...
He should have no trouble making me obey him with that gun...

...
Why would he need another chance?

Almost like he was following the rainclouds...
Right when the rain stopped...


...Or was it simply spur of the moment? Am I overthinking it? What if he was just messing with my head?
Why does he rely so heavily on the rain?
Or did he make a run for it as soon as he sensed pursuit closing in...?
One of those criminal aesthetic types...? It's not uncommon for that sort to be obsessive about sticking to their own style of crime...

Don't expect to see me at this shop ever again!
SLIDE
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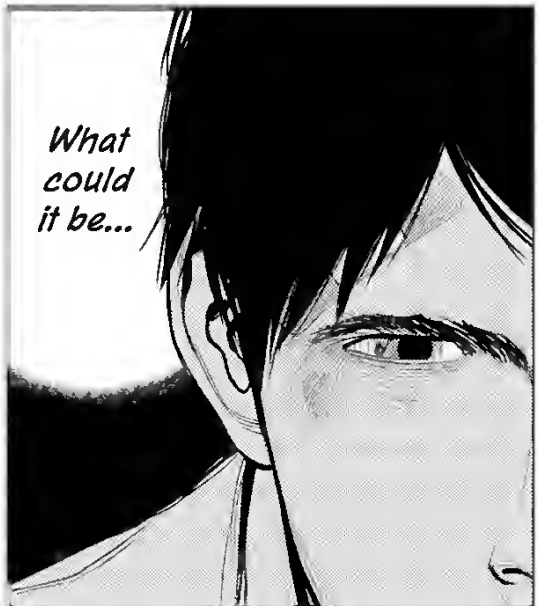
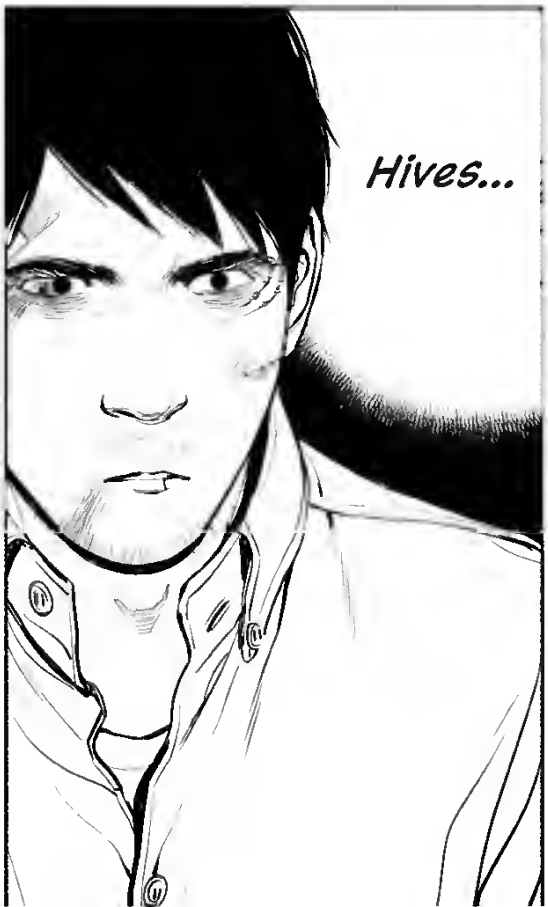
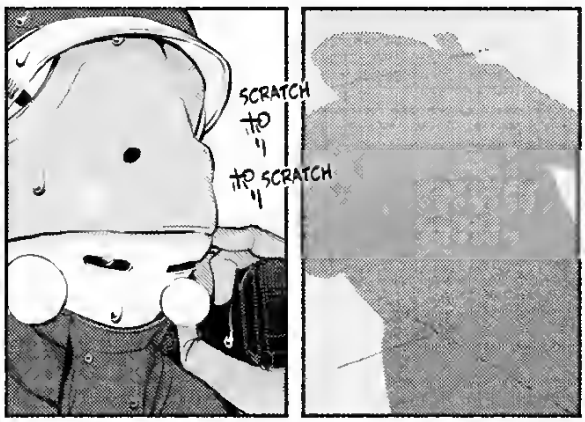
KIKIN BEER


What could it be...





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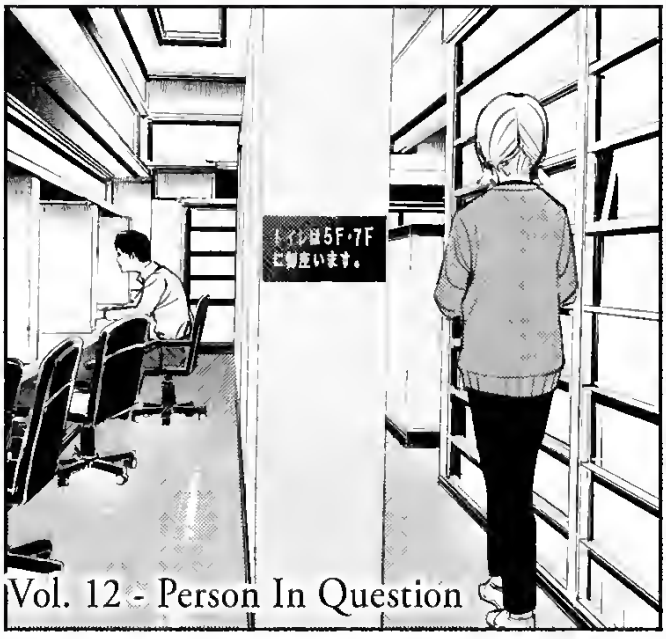

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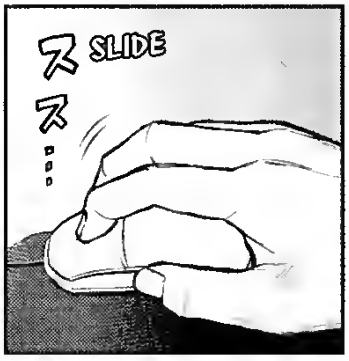

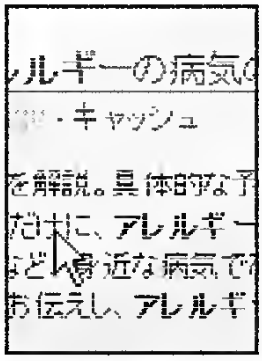

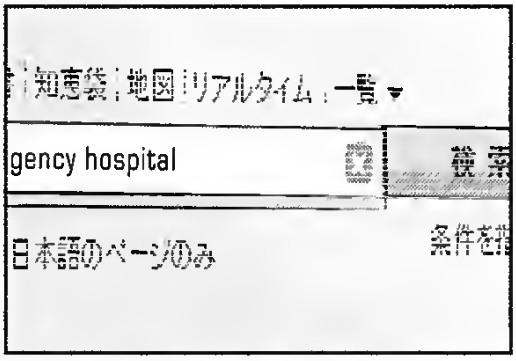

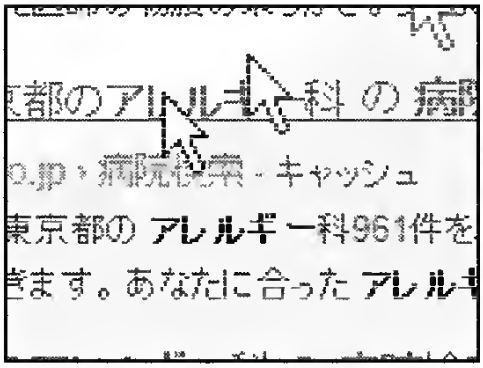

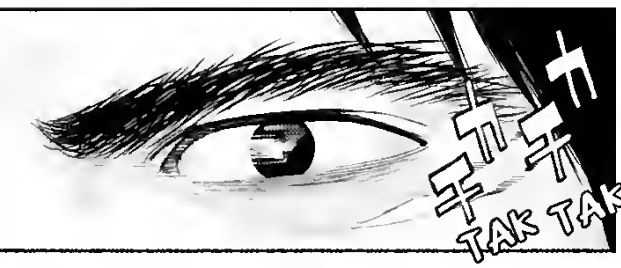

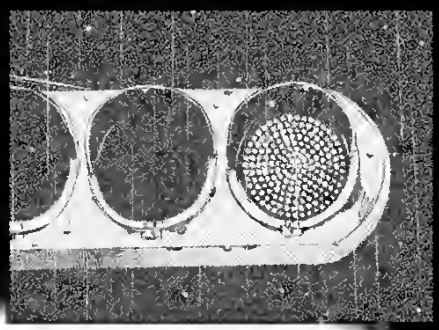

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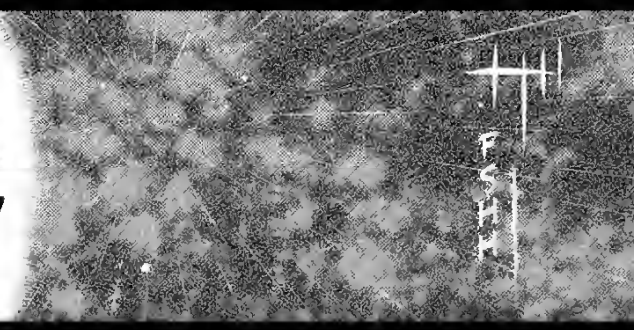
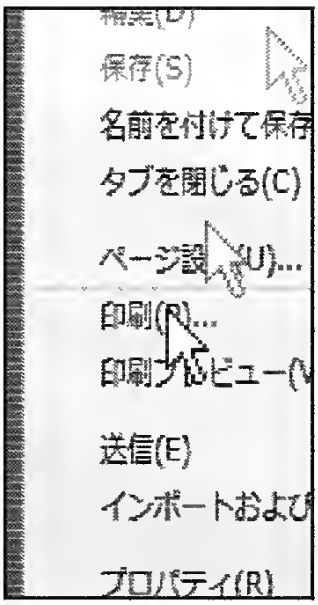


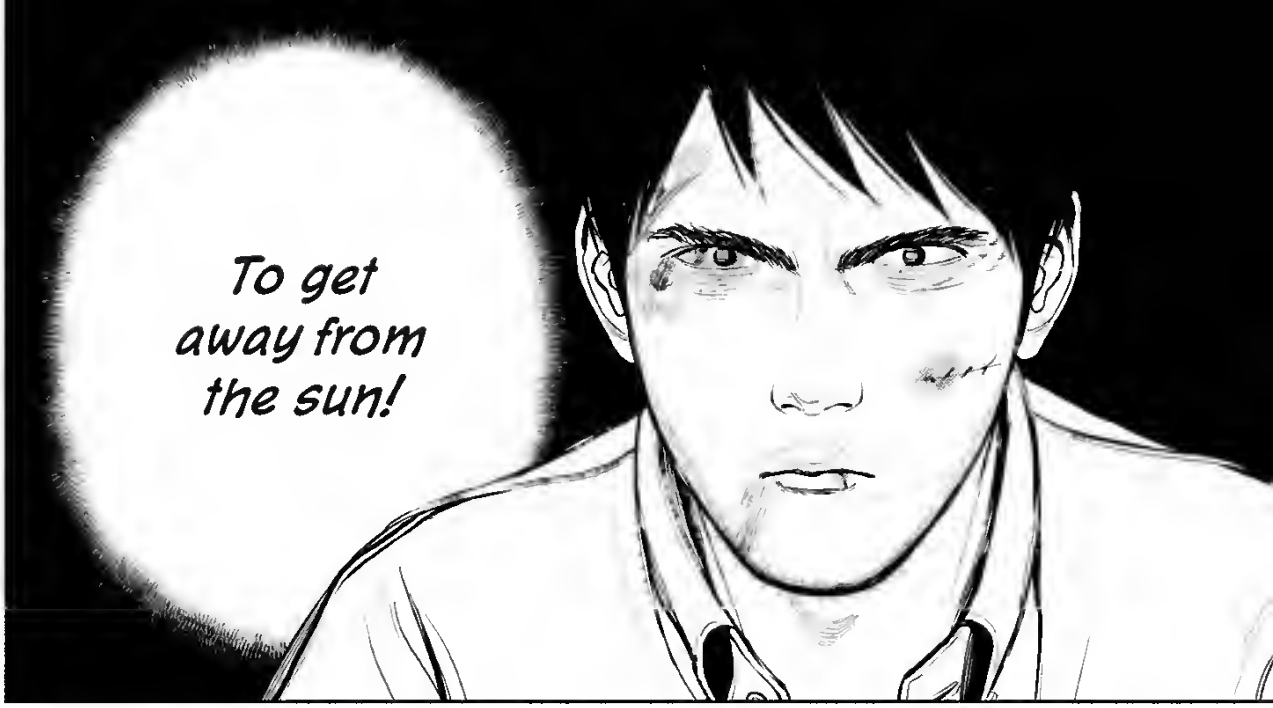


Most of his crimes were committed on rainy days...

...was not to take cover or wash away the evidence...

But the purpose of that...

RUMBLE
ゴロゴロ…
I nearly broke out in hives!
THE PREVIOUSLY SHOWN BREAK IN THE RAINY SEASON...
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
I'll come for you another time, Detective Sawamura.
SLAM
At the time... he had no choice but to flee...



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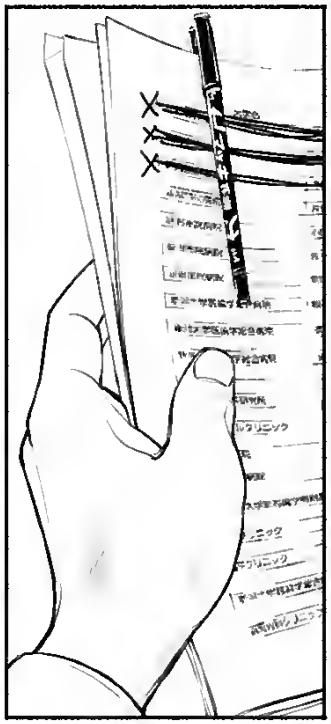
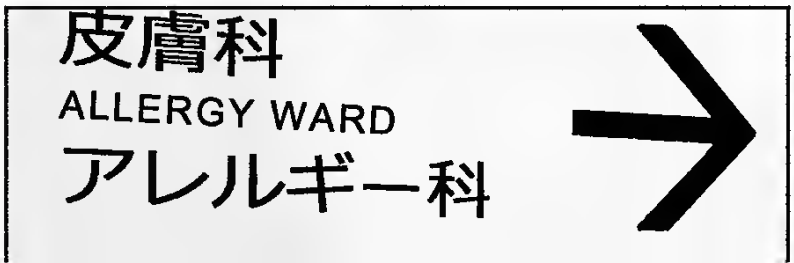
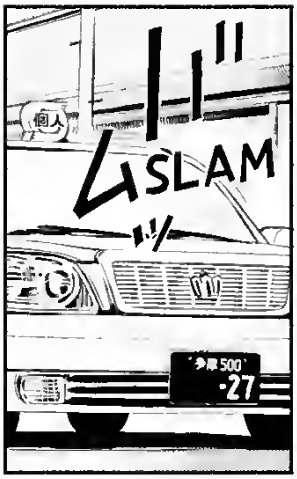
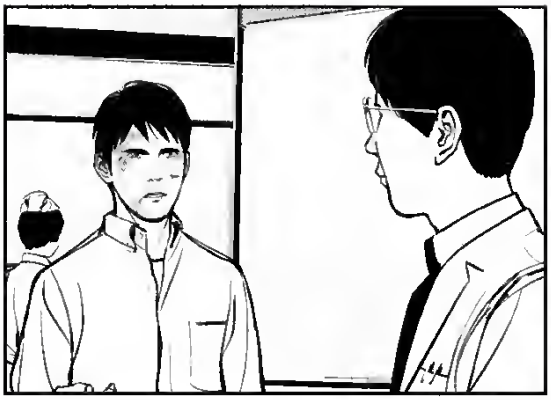
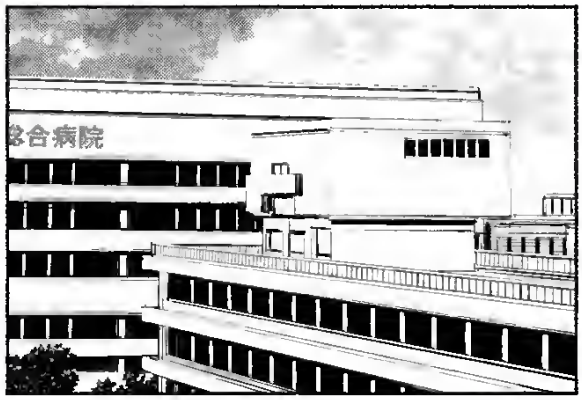


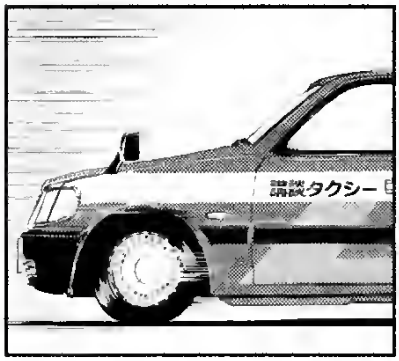




SORRY TO BOTHER YOU WHEN YOU'RE BUSY. IF YOU'D BE SO KIND AS TO ANSWER TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS, I'LL BE GONE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT. PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR COOPERATION.



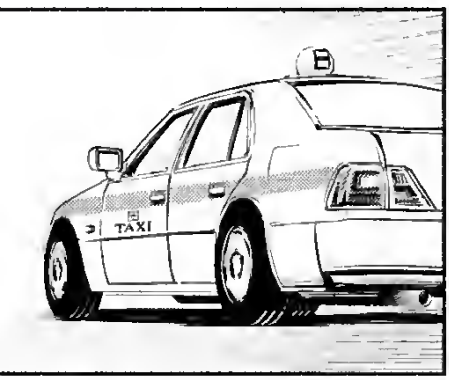


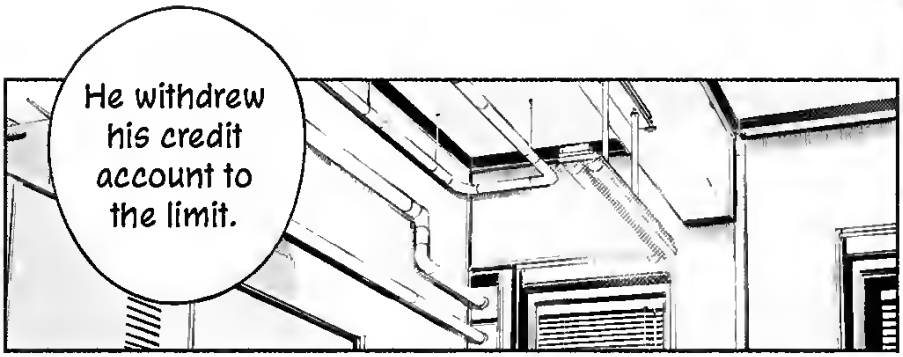


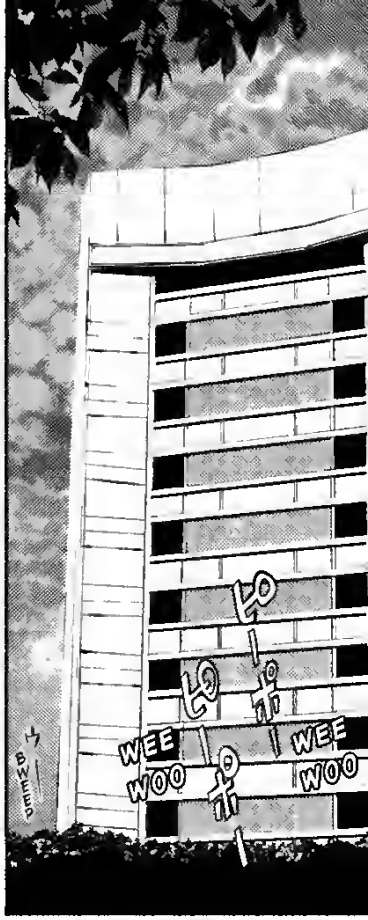
SIR, IF WE HAD ANY PATIENTS WITH SUCH A RARE CONDITION AS YOU MENTIONED, I ASSURE YOU WE WOULD HAVE IT IN OUR RECORDS...

ARE YOU CERTAIN?

I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE ANYBODY LIKE THAT HERE...




He withdrew his credit account to the limit.


WEE WOO
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BWEEP

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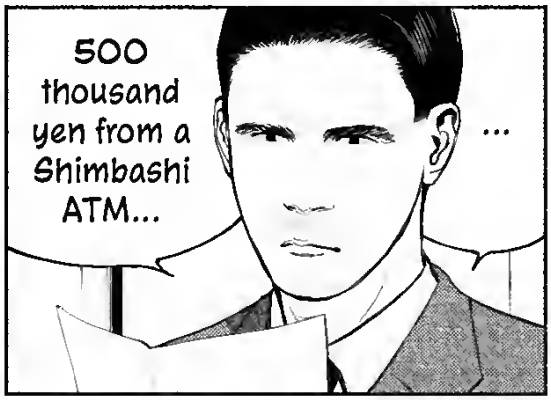
What does he need so much money for...?

How about his phone records?


500 thousand yen from a Shimbashi ATM...
...

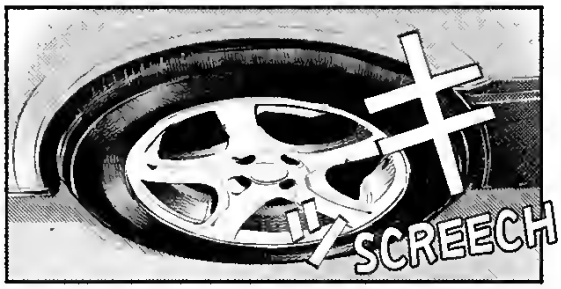
A word if you please, Inspector Sekihata...

Nothing in particular stands out...
His last call was made to Nishino... as of now he's gone incommunicado.

As long as we have no decisive evidence, the fastest way to get to the culprit is to trace Sawamura's footsteps.
Sawamura's disappearance is of great concern of course...but our orders are to focus on the Shigeru Ohashi link.
There's no longer any point to revisiting the Ohashi matter!
And when he does...I'm afraid he may take action that he will come to regret.
I imagine he's trying to make contact with the culprit again.
So it's true. The reason Sawamura disappeared...
Thank you for everything you've done.

Just lend me your assistance!
I will take full responsibility!

VRRRR


SCREECH

SLAM
禁煙
No Smoking
クレジットカードOK

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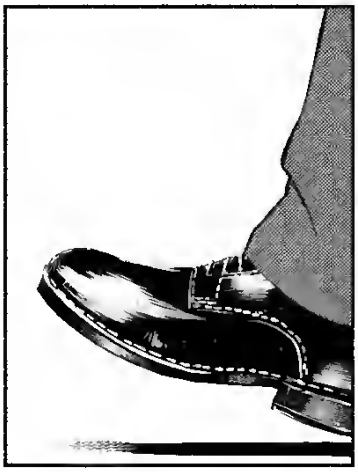
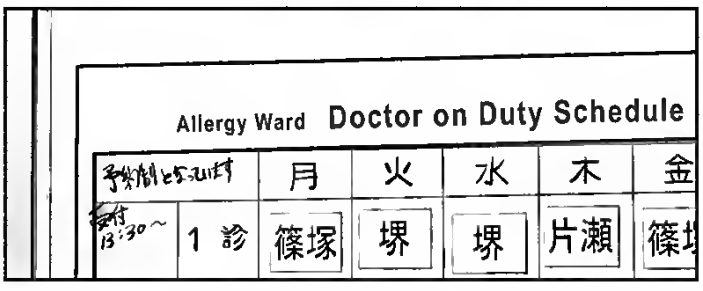
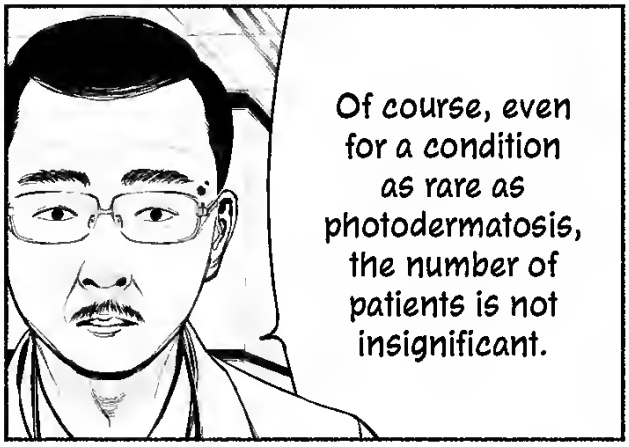
*Nurse Station





Yes.

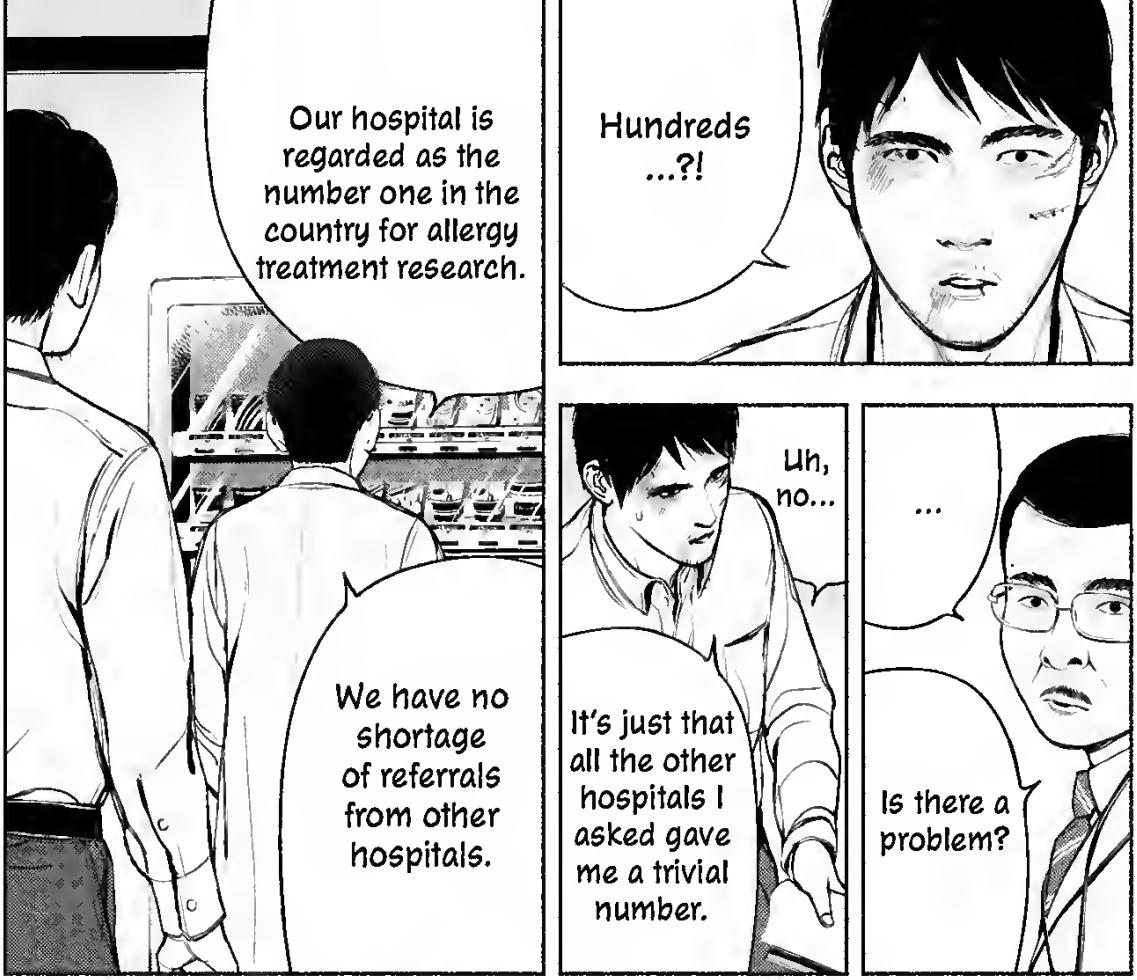

Of course, even for a condition as rare as photodermatosis, the number of patients is not insignificant.

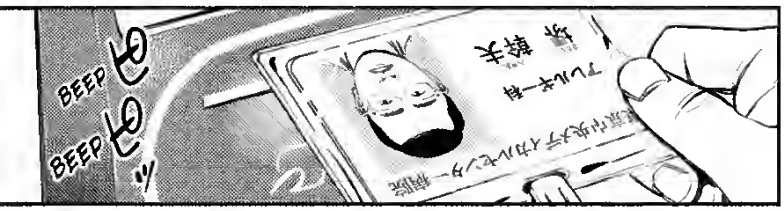
I've tried several hospitals.
I heard this place has quite the reputation...

I can't give you a clear number off the top of my head...
But I'd say it must be in the hundreds...
禁煙
No smoking

What do you mean by *not insignificant*?

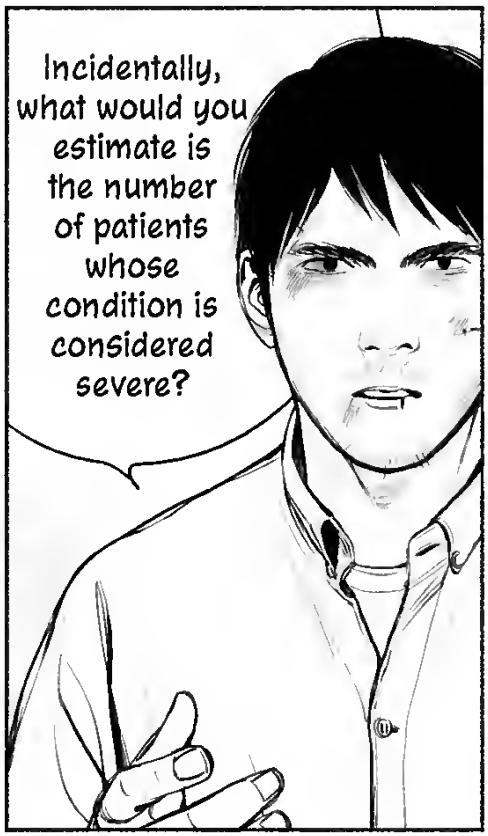
Well...
...

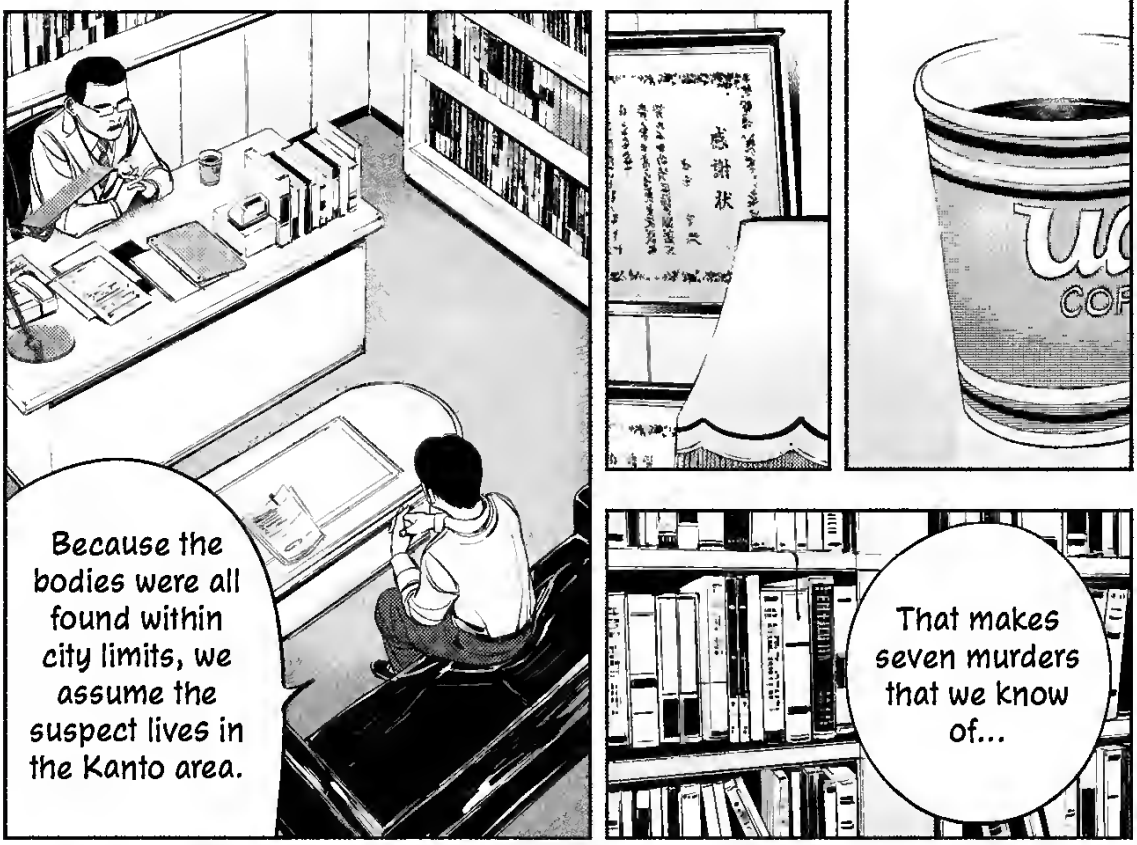

Our hospital is regarded as the number one in the country for allergy treatment research.
We have no shortage of referrals from other hospitals.
Hundreds ...?!
Uh, no...
It's just that all the other hospitals I asked gave me a trivial number.
...
Is there a problem?

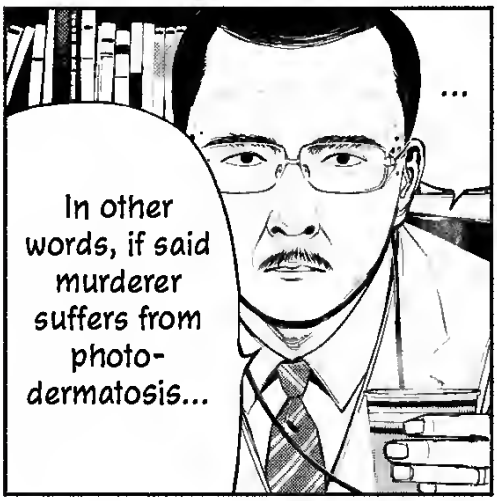

BEEP
BEEP

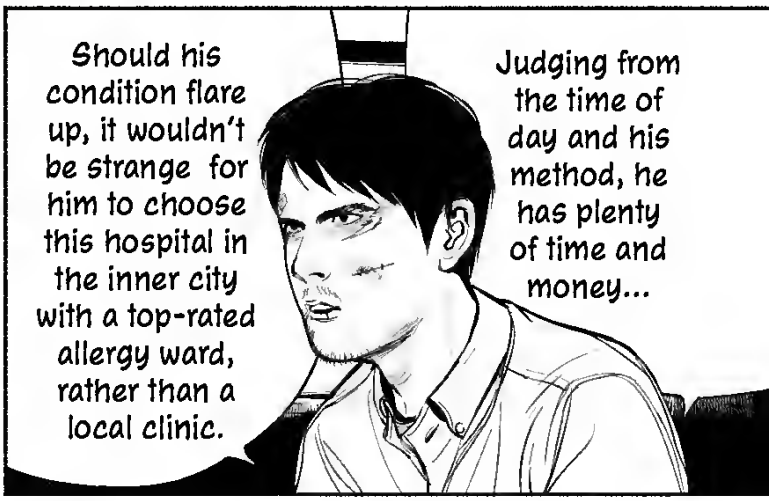
THNK

BEEP
Detective. Just what is this about?
I do wish you'd clarify for me the aim of your questions, first of all...


Incidentally, what would you estimate is the number of patients whose condition is considered severe?

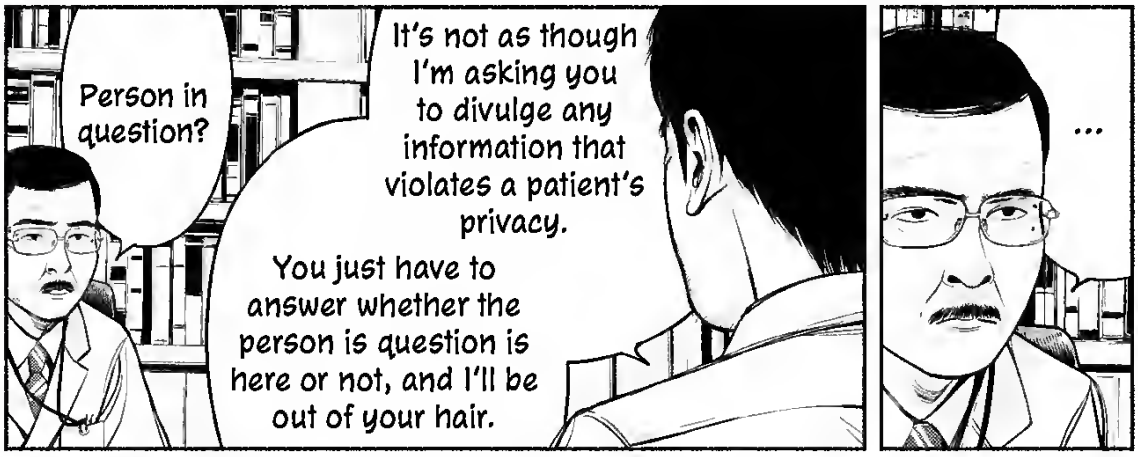

感謝状
Because the bodies were all found within city limits, we assume the suspect lives in the Kanto area.
That makes seven murders that we know of...


...
In other words, if said murderer suffers from photo-dermatosis...


Should his condition flare up, it wouldn't be strange for him to choose this hospital in the inner city with a top-rated allergy ward, rather than a local clinic.
Judging from the time of day and his method, he has plenty of time and money...

Nonetheless, if you're talking about an investigation, I'd prefer you approached me after going through the formalities...
...
Yes. It's possible he is counted among one of the "hundreds" you mentioned previously.

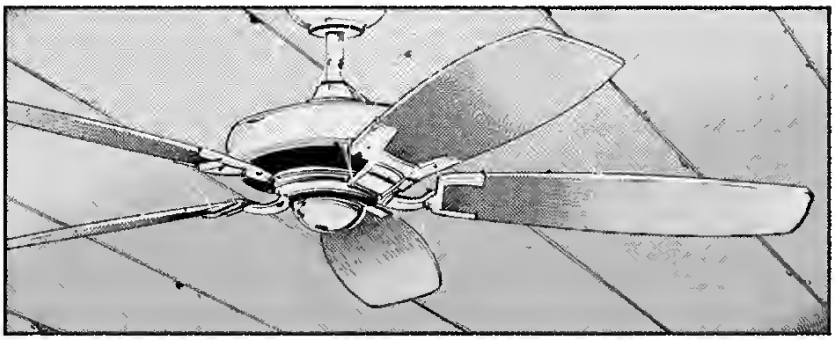
Showing up alone, without a warrant...it doesn't really encourage cooperation...
Well, let me put it this way...
Tomorrow, the murderer could be among the patients you admit. Doesn't that worry you in the slightest?

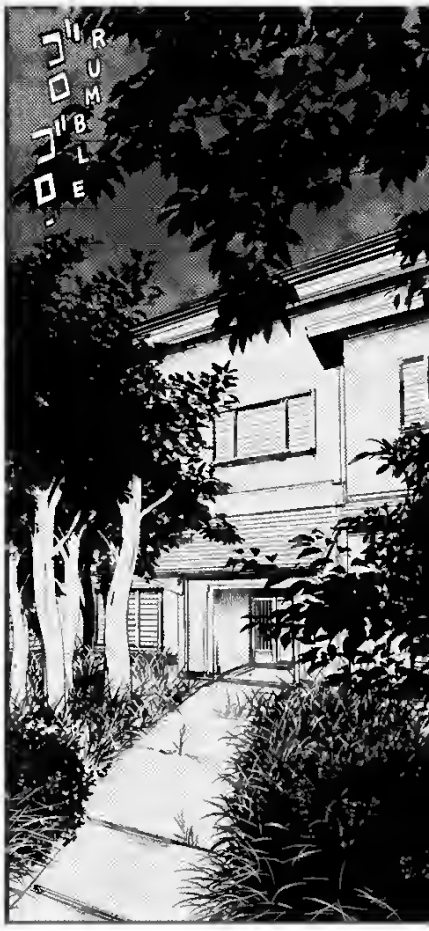

Person in question?
It's not as though I'm asking you to divulge any information that violates a patient's privacy.
You just have to answer whether the person is question is here or not, and I'll be out of your hair.
...

Such that although he shields his entire body in a raincoat with not an inch of skin exposed.
Sunlight still causes an immediate allergic reaction...
Yes.
...
The form of allergy the suspect has is abnormally severe...

However severe it may be, I find it hard to imagine his condition would trigger the instant he came into contact with direct sunlight, especially dressed like that.
Yes. Therefore...
Detective... may I say one thing?
...his condition must be triggered the very sight of sunlight.
Extreme *Psycho-somatic Conditioned Reflex*...
We're in the age of convenience.
That's quite an obscure term you're familiar with.

It may not be very many, but such patients do exist...
One of the triggers could be strong sunlight or the sight of his shadow growing darker...
If I recall, it's the same thing as Pavlov's dogs.
All it takes is for it to enter his field of vision, and his body reacts on its own, setting off his condition.
What about at this hospital, Doctor...?

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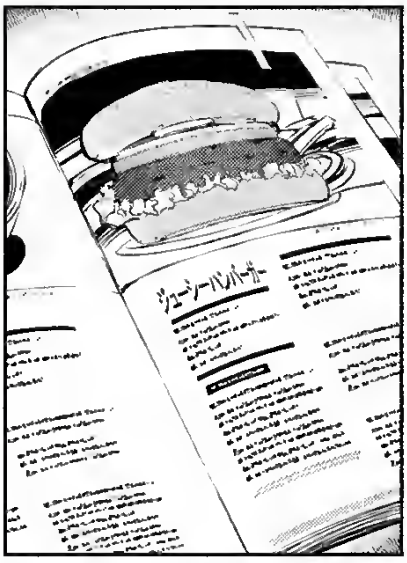
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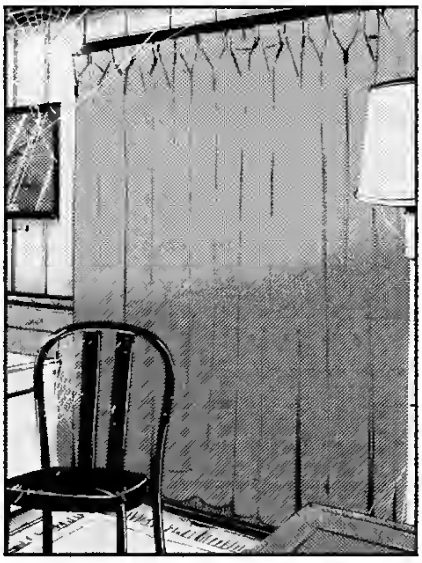

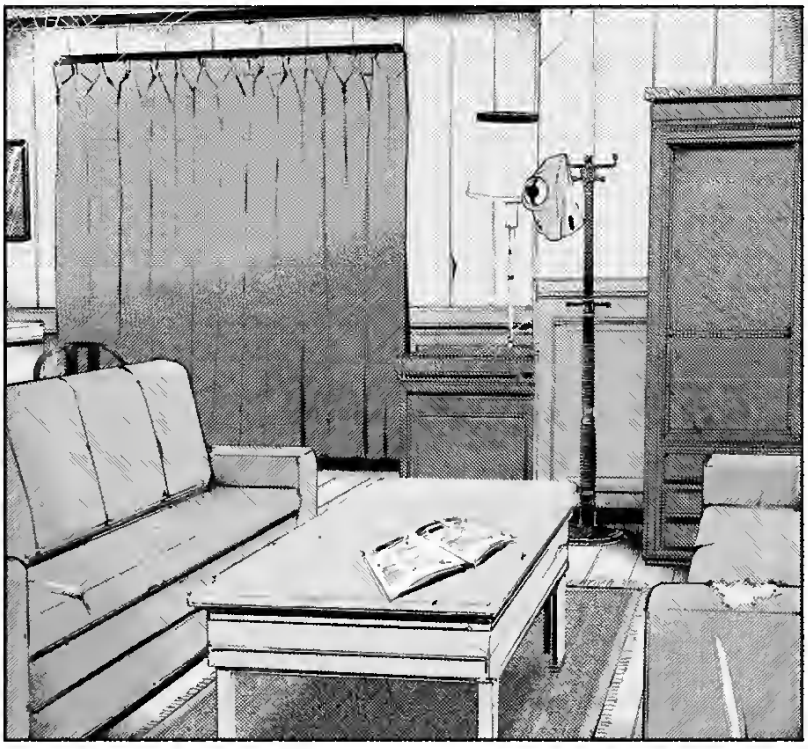

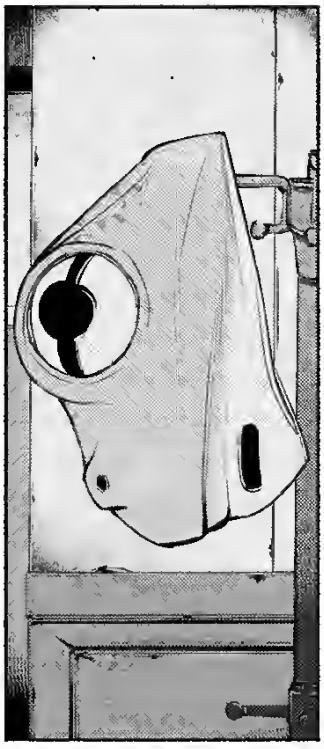

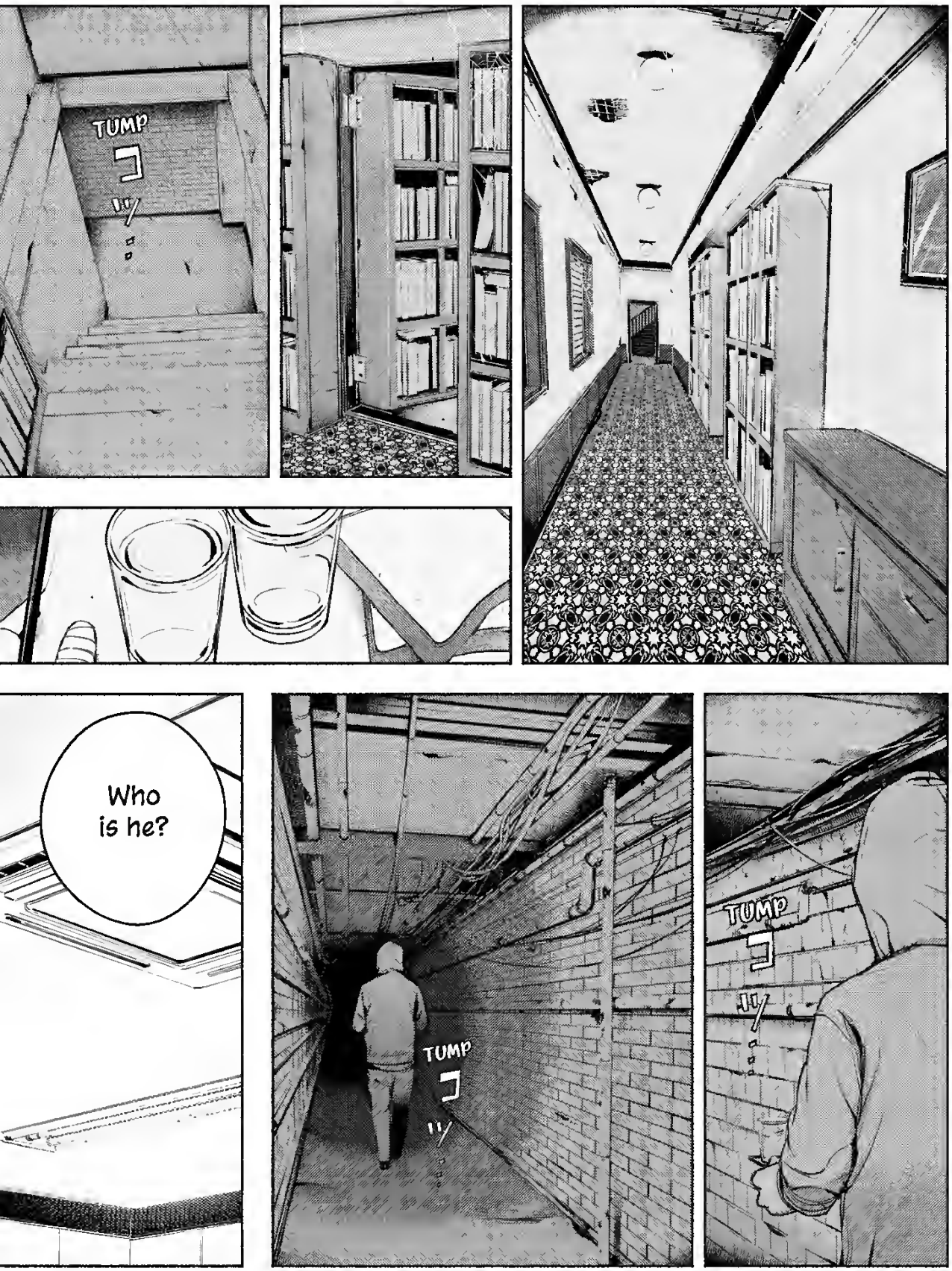
TUMP
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Who is he?
TUMP
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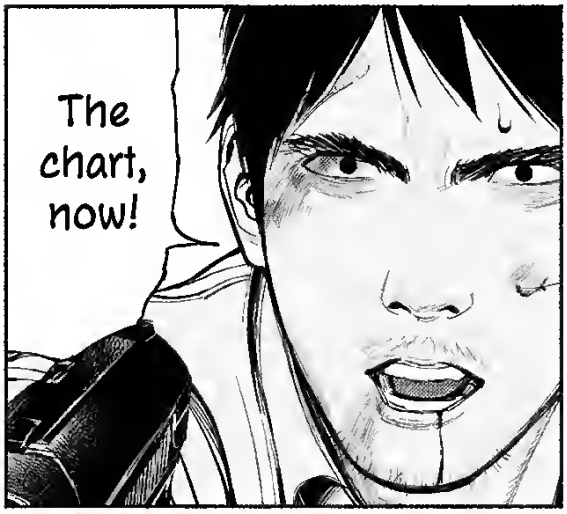
...
You've got an idea already, haven't you? A patient who comes to mind.
...Huh?
I didn't make detective for nothing, Doctor.
His age is somewhere between 20 and 40. Height is below 170 cm. His voice is high-pitched, particularly when he laughs.
His sex is male!
However, in my position as a doctor... I cannot answer any questions other than—
Certainly there are patients at this hospital with a condition such as the one you brought up.
I'll tell you again, I cannot divulge—
Am I wrong, Doctor?!
CREAK
STAND
...

You said you would leave once you heard whether your person in question was here...
Detective... please honor your promise.
That man may be a murderer!
Work with me here!
What did you say?
Show me the patient's chart!
Those were your own words, weren't they?
I don't remember saying anything like that!
Show me the patient's chart, *now!*
W-what nonsense! You can't demand such a thing without a warrant! That would be miscarriage of—



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八王子西
achioji-nishi
出口
EXIT
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八王子西
Hachioji-nishi
41
出口
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CLICK
CLICK カッ
カッチ
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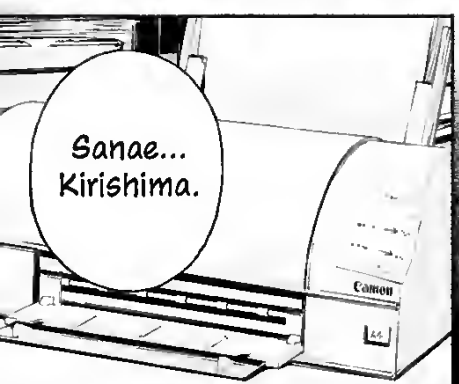
ROOM
関東無線
TAXI


Sanae...
Kirishima.
Canon

No. 9023281722
保険者番号 0455048
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氏名 SANAE KIRISHIMA
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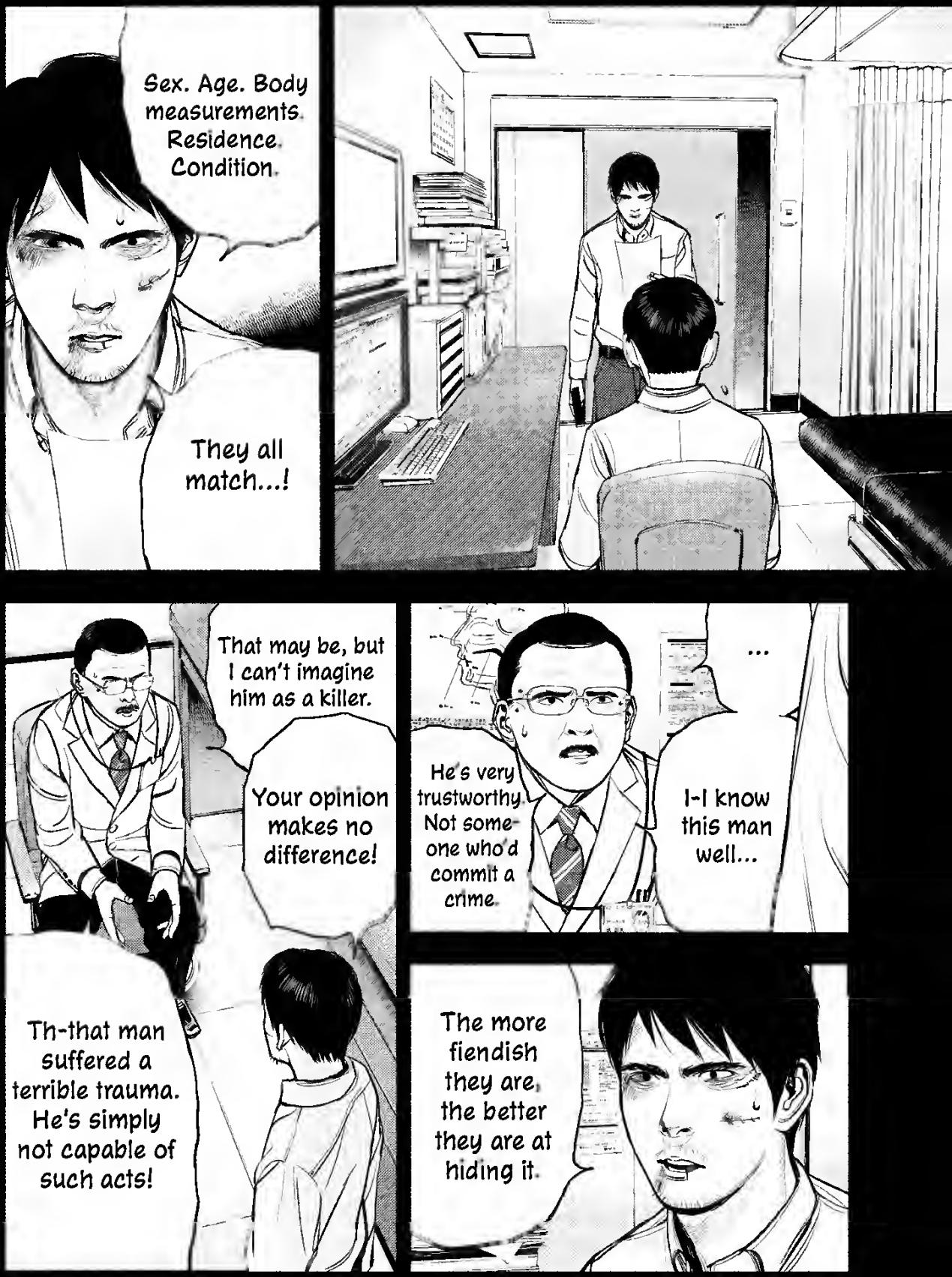
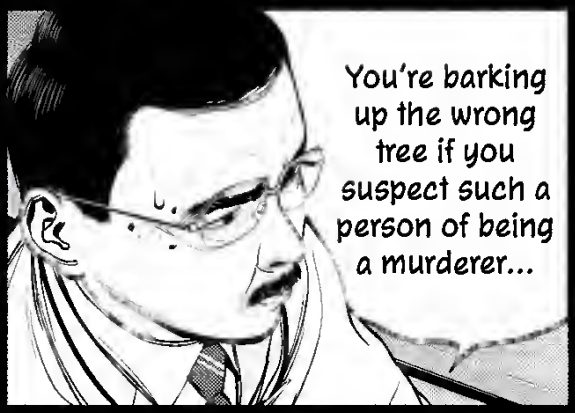
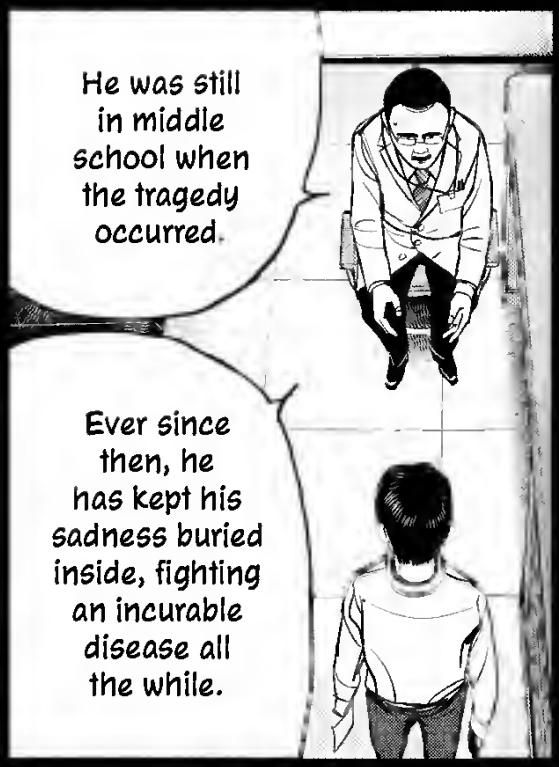

Sex. Age. Body measurements. Residence. Condition.
They all match...!
That may be, but I can't imagine him as a killer.
Your opinion makes no difference!
Th-that man suffered a terrible trauma. He's simply not capable of such acts!
...
He's very trustworthy. Not someone who'd commit a crime.
I-I know this man well...
The more fiendish they are, the better they are at hiding it.

Trauma?
...
It was just over ten years ago. Surely you remember it?
...
A wealthy couple dismembered and killed.
AN ART DEALER AND A FULL-TIME HOUSEWIFE WERE FOUND DISMEMBERED...
THE COUNTLESS PIECES REASSEMBLED AS THOUGH THEY WERE ONE PERSON, IN A GROTESQUE MURDER CASE WHICH REMAINS UNSOLVED TO THIS DAY.
AT THE TIME THE NATION WAS ABUZZ WITH THE STORY...
取り残された少年
遺体の肉片を組み合
夫婦バラバラ
霧島景子

*Eiji Kirijima, Keiko Kirijima

This man is the child of that couple.


You're barking up the wrong tree if you suspect such a person of being a murderer...


He was still in middle school when the tragedy occurred.
Ever since then, he has kept his sadness buried inside, fighting an incurable disease all the while.

...
What ...?

It's him...

Keep what happened here today to yourself. You should forget all about it!
Listen up, Doctor...
URGH
...
You got me?
If you can do that, I'll leave without lifting a finger against you.
Understand me, Doctor?
W-why are you taking this so far—
Forget all about it.
...

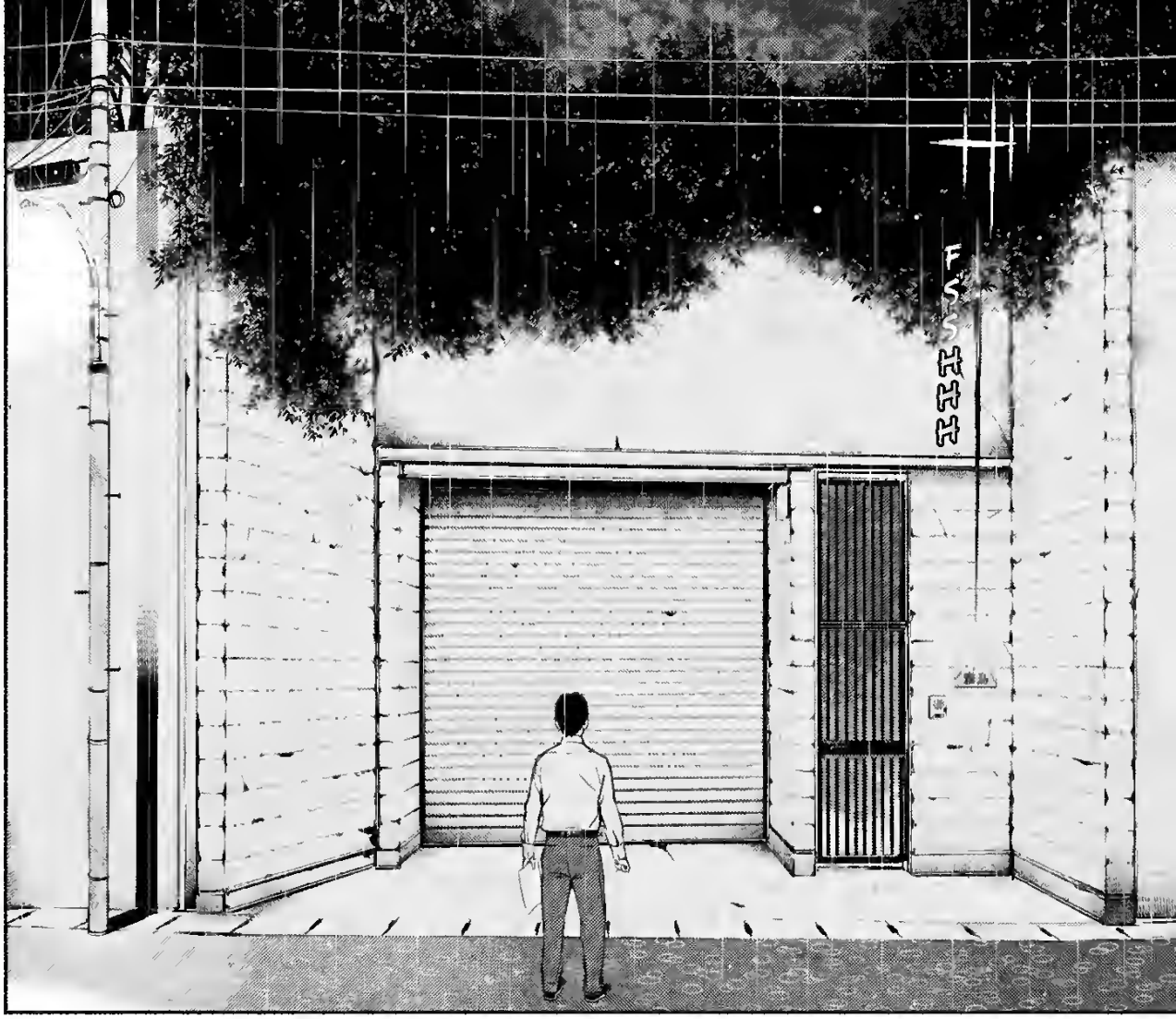
...
What?
He abducted my family and killed my partner!

It's been three days and my wife and son still haven't been found...
The man I'm after kills for pleasure...
Because I neglected my family, they lost faith in me and left home.
The last I saw of them was their tearfully retreating backs...

SLAM
Forgive me for threatening you.
I really am sorry.
FSSHHH

*Watch for pedestrians - Hachioji District

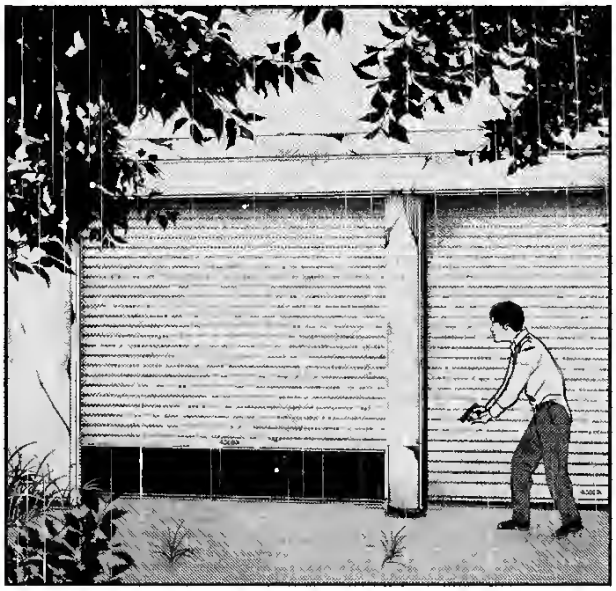
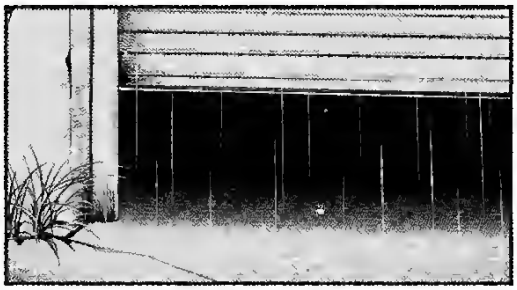
*Street Crime Prevention Comprehensive Countermeasures In Place

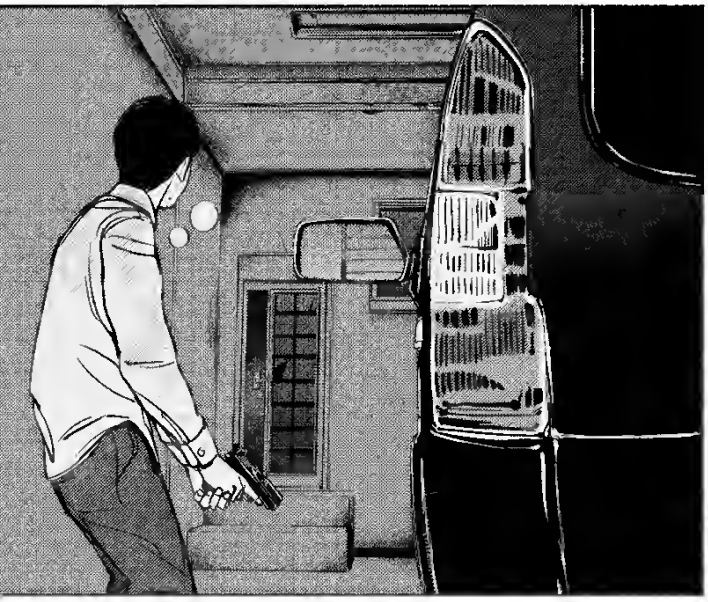

FSSHHH

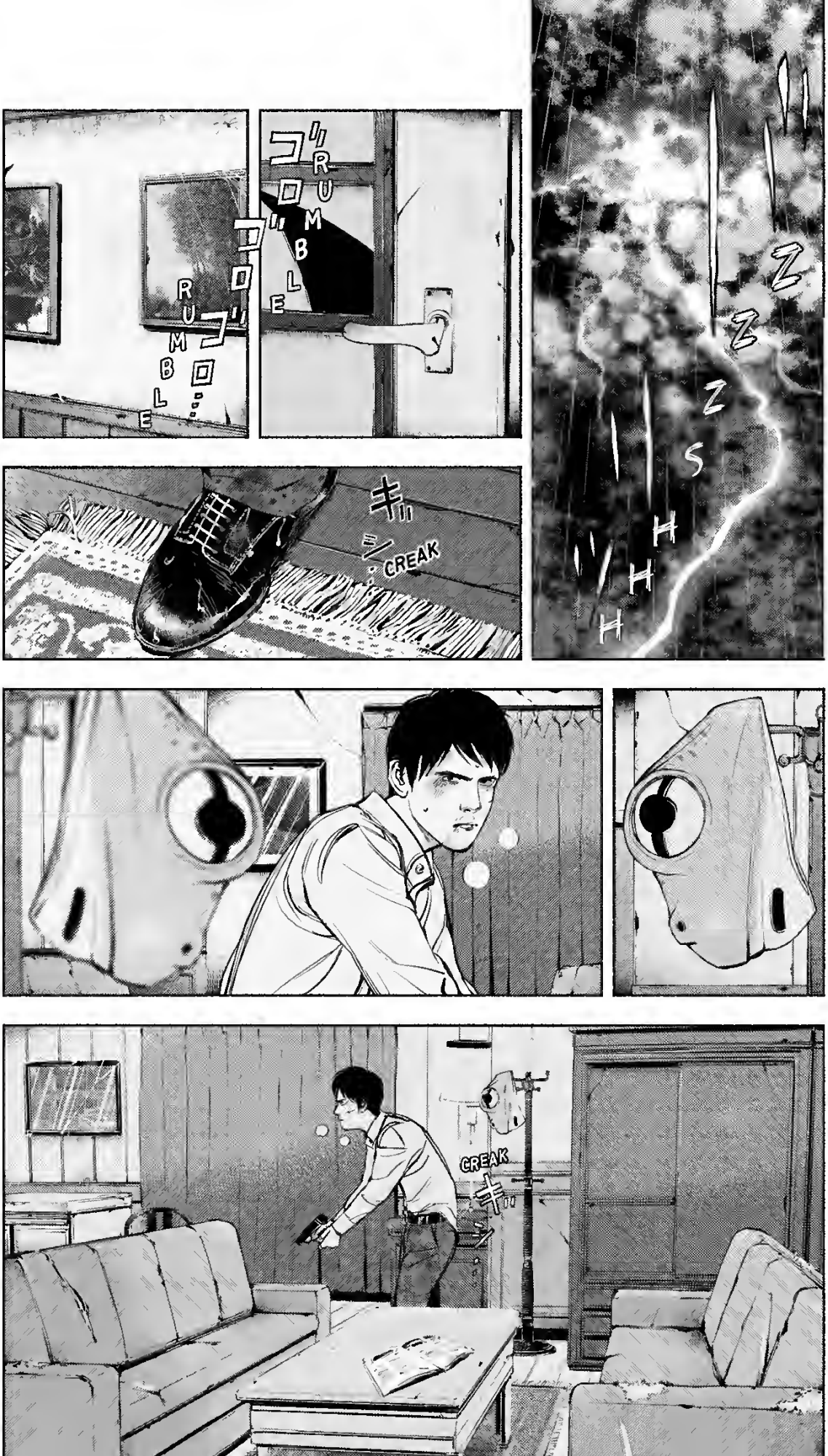
THEY'RE ALIVE... I'M SURE OF IT!

HARUKA... SHOUTA...

SWISH
RIBBIT
RIBBIT
RIBBIT
TOSS
RUSTLE
THUMP
FISHH
CLICK

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RUMBLE
ZZZZ
SHHH
キィ
CREAK
CREAK
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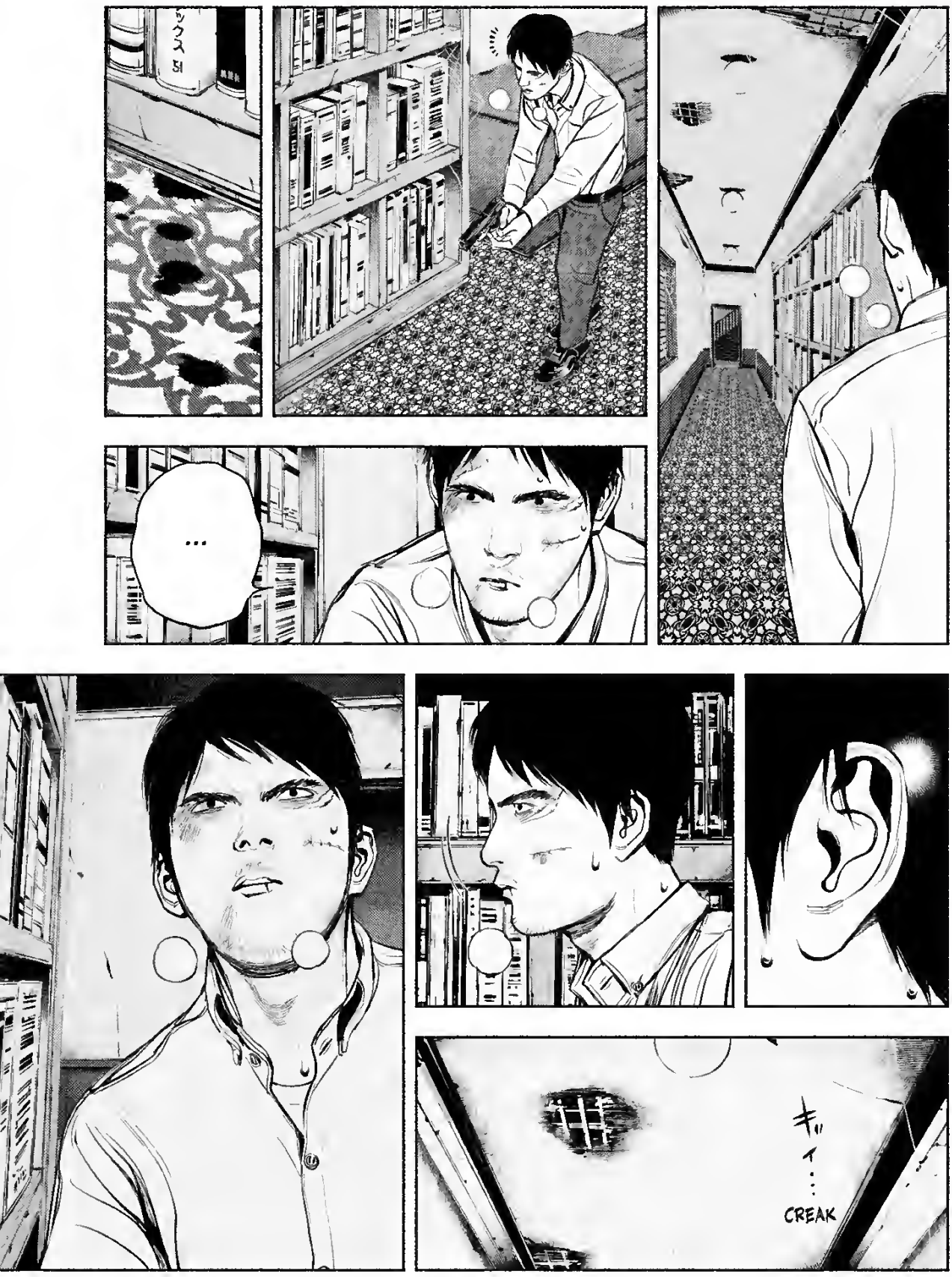
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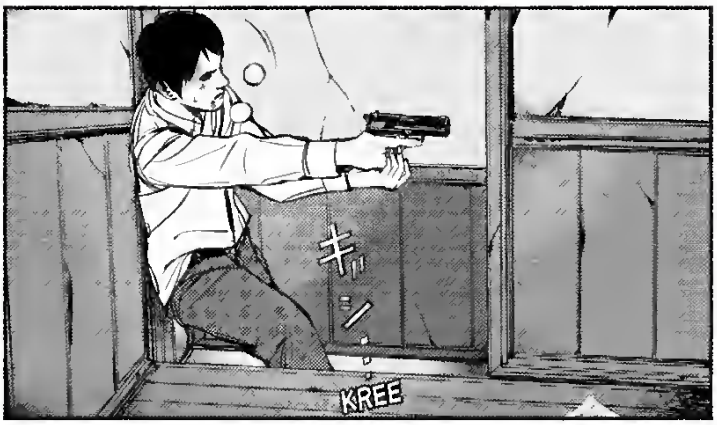
…
キィ…
CREAK


キィ…
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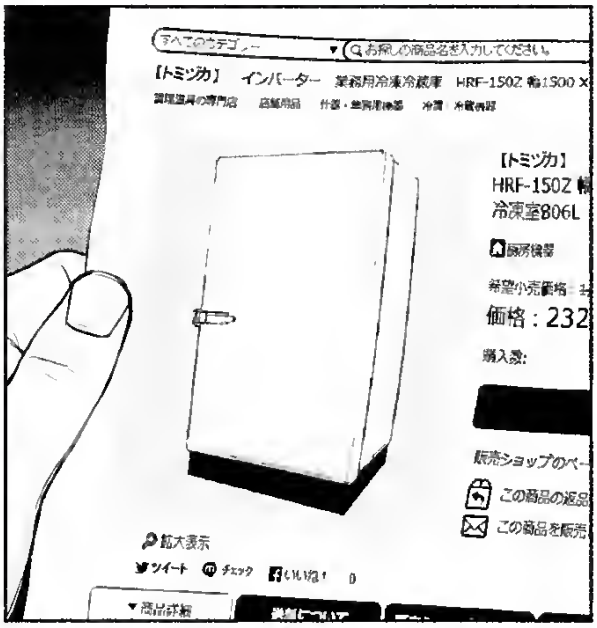
ゴロゴロ…
RUMBLE

キィ…
CREAK

FWIP
ヒラ…

…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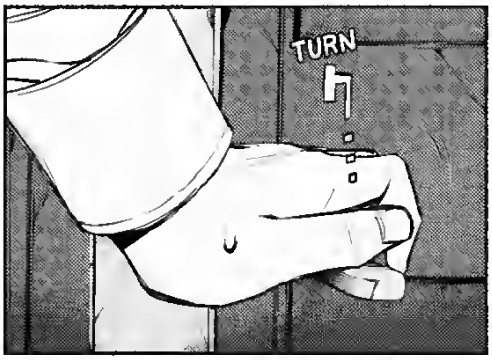
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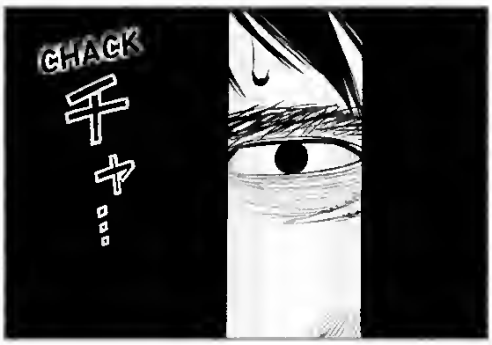
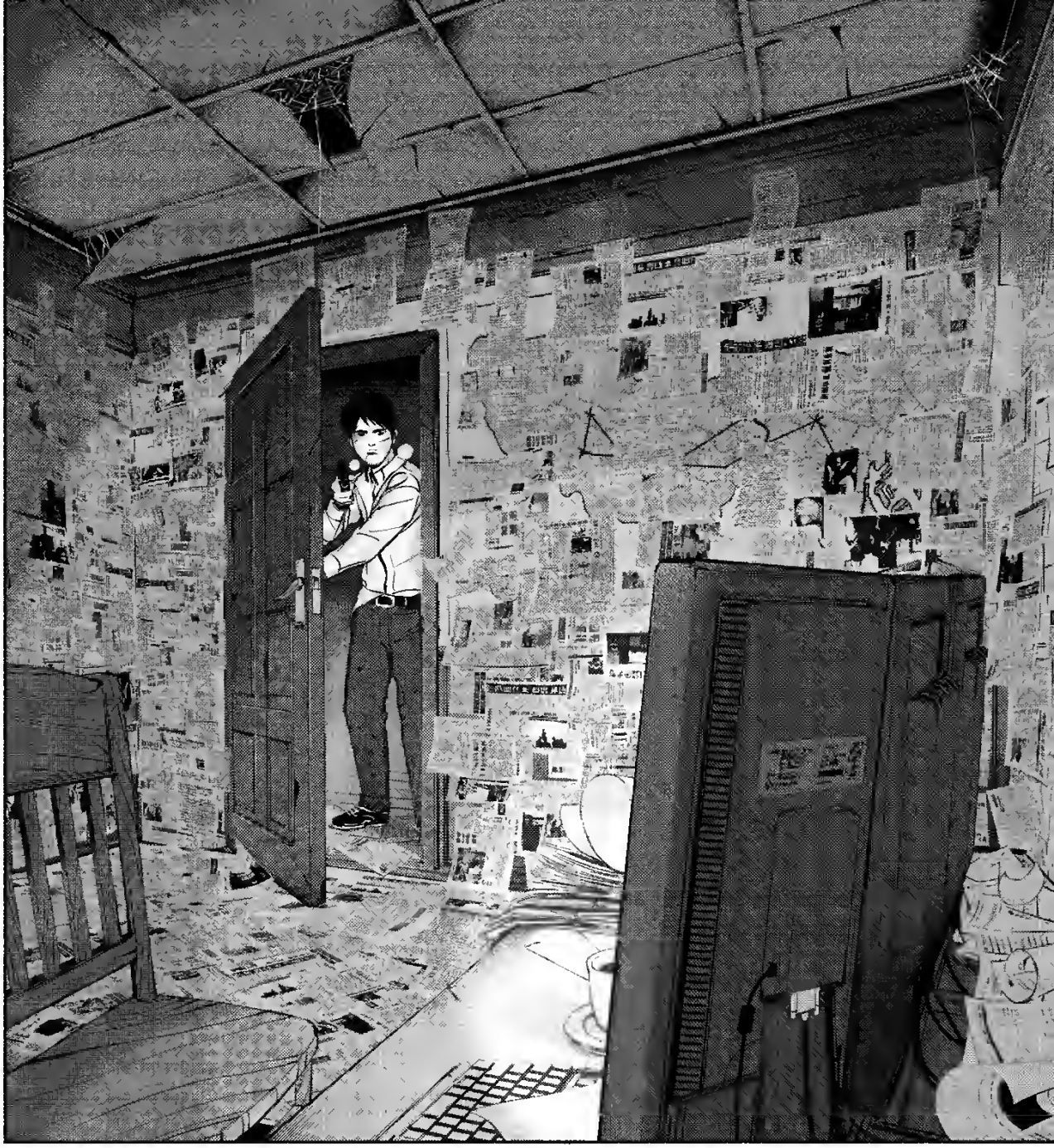
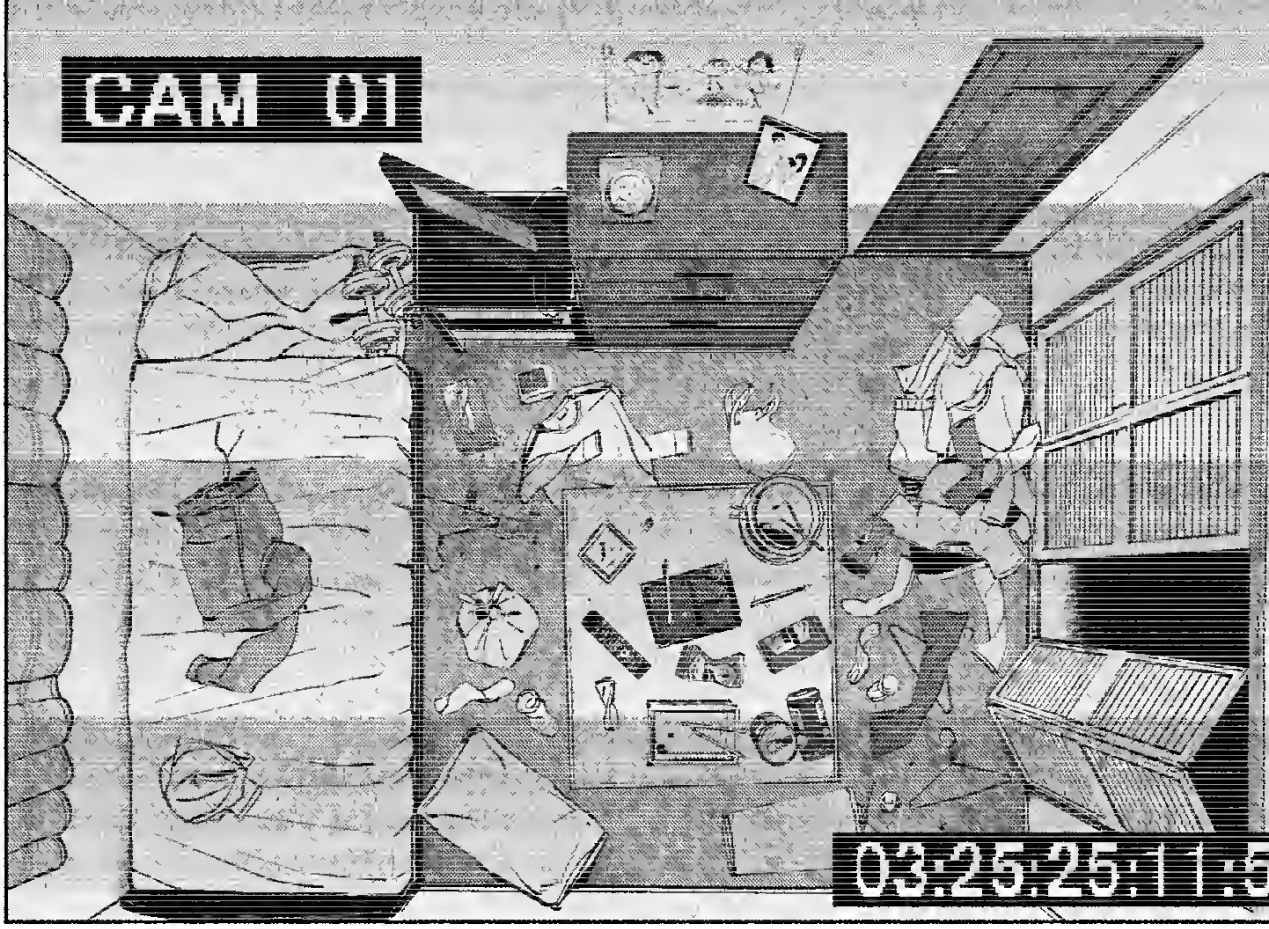

CHACK
チャ…



占いの館
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
What kind of freak...?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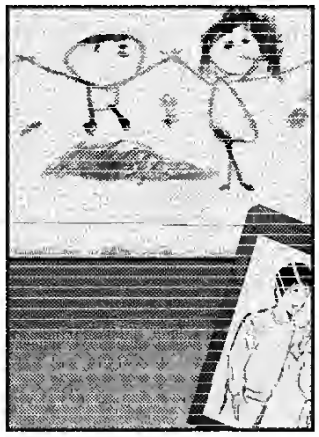

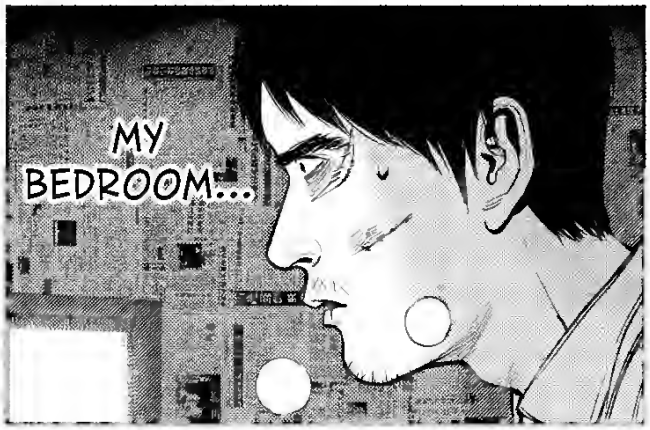
MY
BEDROOM...

FWOOSH

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FWOOM!!
フゥーン!!

SWISH!!
アッ!!
カ
CLATTER
ヤ
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FWOOP
CRASH
WHAM

WHAM
POW
WHAM
Where the hell are they?!
Where are Haruka and Shouta?!

SQUEEZE
I asked you where are they?!
BAM
Guh!
STAB

ゴ
THUD
ガ
GRAB
SLAM
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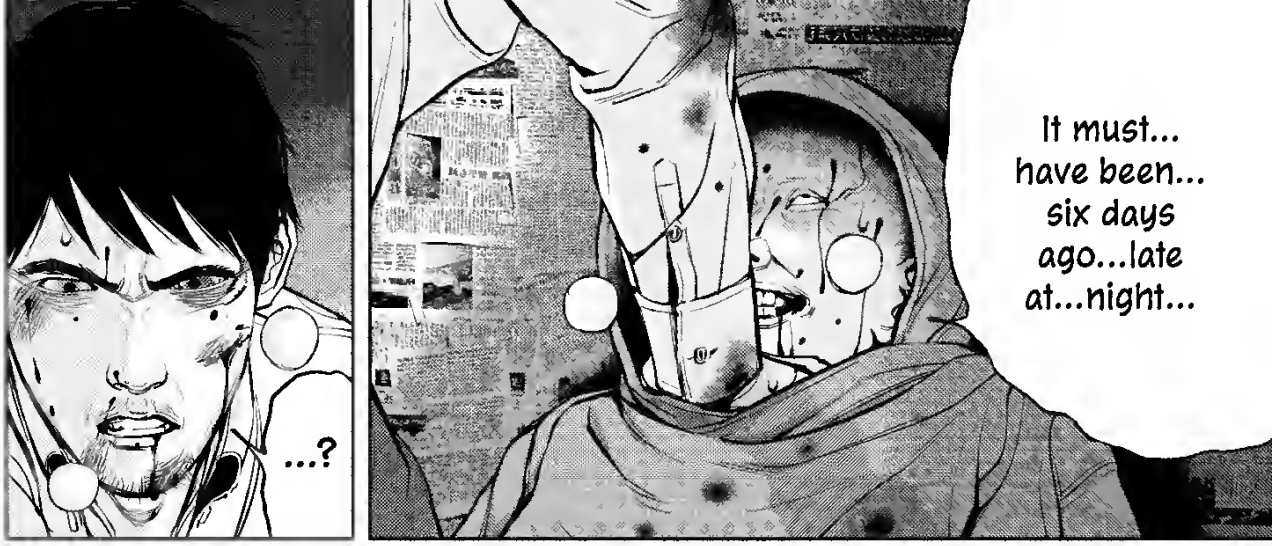
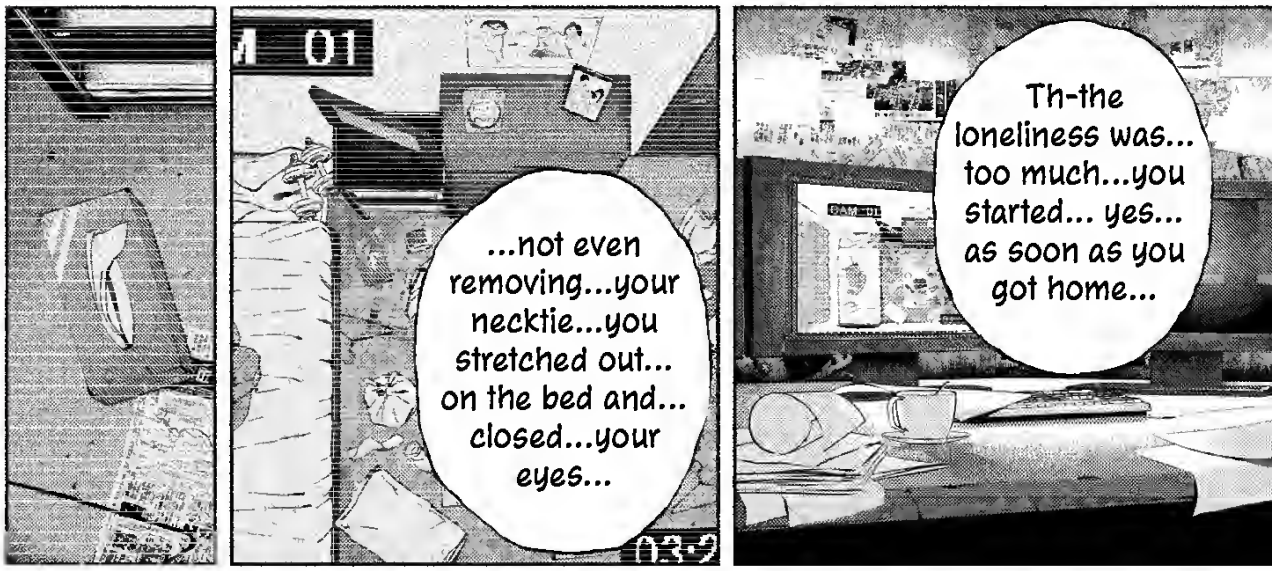
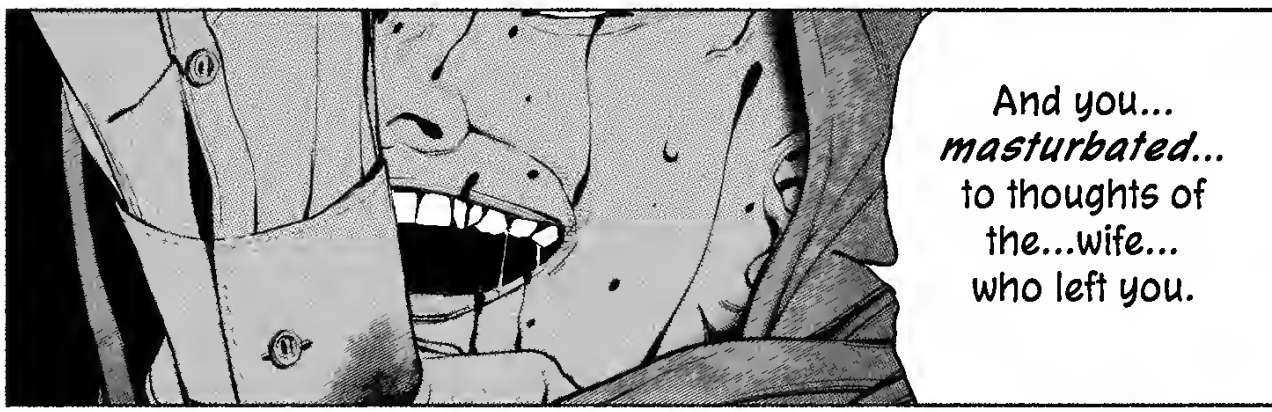
Answer me!
WHAM
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
Answer me!
Ge-heh!
It...
...


...?
It must... have been... six days ago...late at...night...


...not even removing...your necktie...you stretched out... on the bed and... closed...your eyes...
Th-the loneliness was... too much...you started... yes... as soon as you got home...


And you... masturbated... to thoughts of the...wife... who left you.

WHACK
SPIN
WOBBLE
Gurk...
#UFF
#UFF
#UFF
But your sleepless nights have continued, haven't they, Detective Sawamura?
THUNK

Now you can you sleep easy...
SHAKE
SHAKE
Uwuh...
Allow me to guide you to your suite...

ゴロゴロ…
RUMBLE

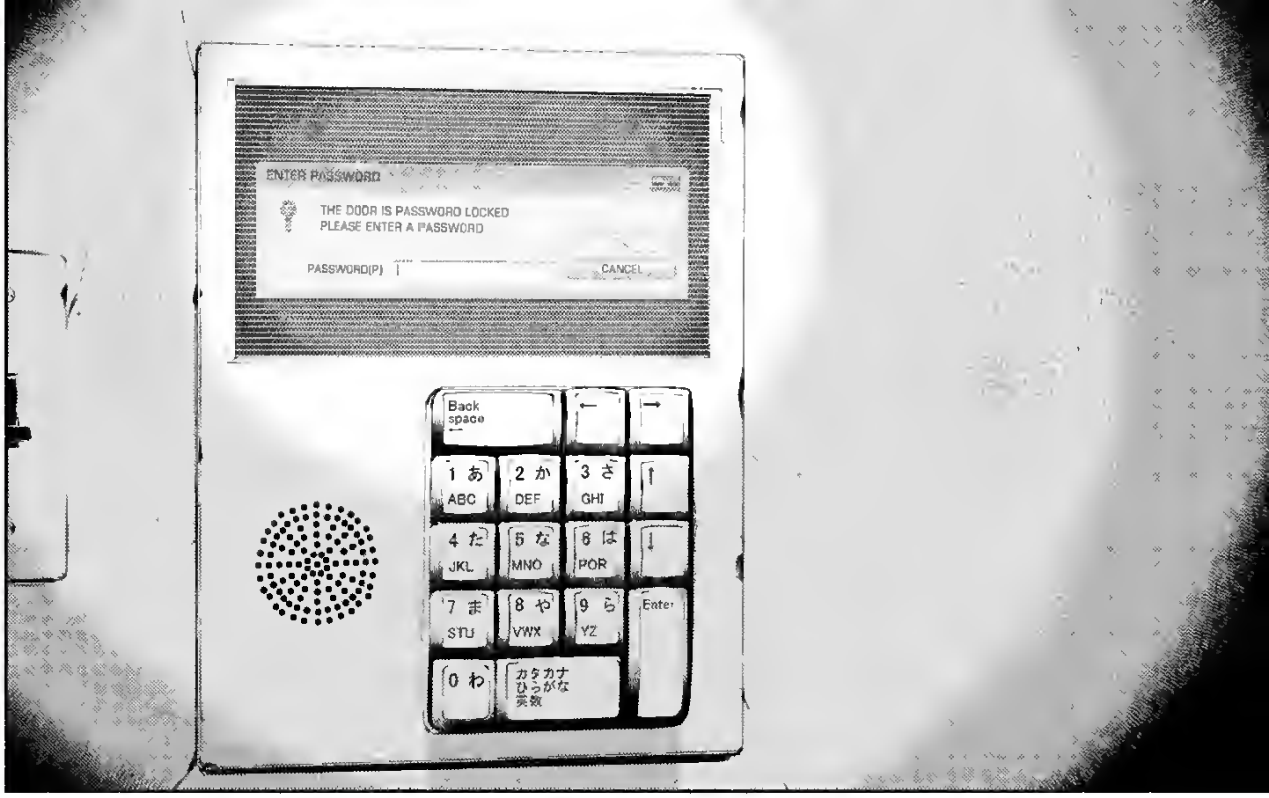
Man, what's with the gloomy faces...
...
How long has it been since all three of us sat down to a meal...?
From now on, even if it gets busy, I'll do my best to carve out time to spend with you...
...
We'll even go to the theme park near our house... What do you say, Shouta...?

...A SHORT TIME AGO THE METROPOLITAN POLICE....
...RELEASED NEW INFORMATION ON THE RECENT MISSING PERSONS CASE.
WE'VE JUST RECEIVED A NEWS BULLETIN.
Hey, come on...
沢村　遥さん
沢村　将太ちゃん
FULL TIME HOUSEWIFE HARUKA SAWAMURA, 32. AND HER SON SHOUTA, THREE YEARS OLD.
REPORTS ARE COMING IN THAT THEIR BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND MURDERED.

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

HUFF

Ugh...
THROB
ズキッ
RUB
スス…
...?
...
...A hospital?
Where am I...?
...Huh?


ENTER PASSWORD
THE DOOR IS PASSWORD LOCKED
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD
PASSWORD(P)
CANCEL
Back space
1 あ ABC
2 か DEF
3 さ GHI
4 た JKL
5 な MNO
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9 ら YZ
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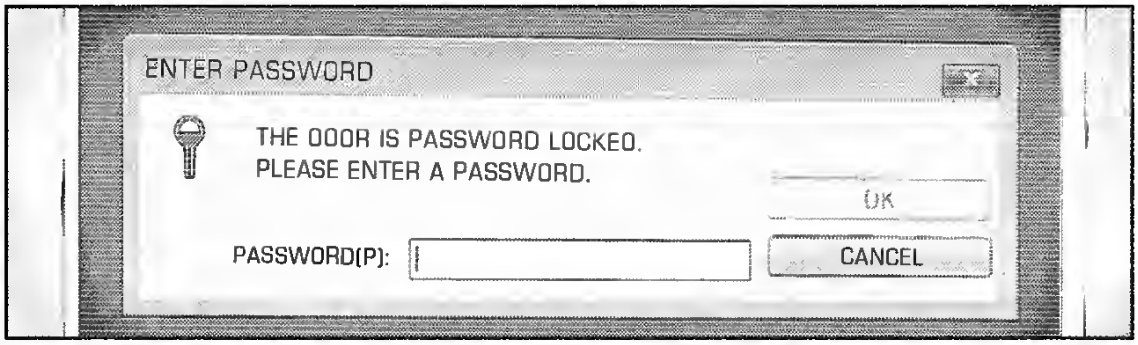
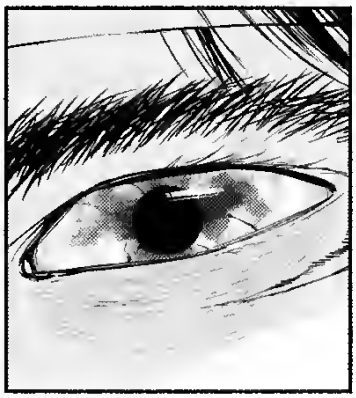

ENTER PASSWORD
THE DOOR IS PASSWORD LOCKED.
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD.
OK
PASSWORD(P):
CANCEL

FLIP
カチッ
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS...?

BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ
ugh...



DADDY,
LET'S
PLAY

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ENTER PASSWORD
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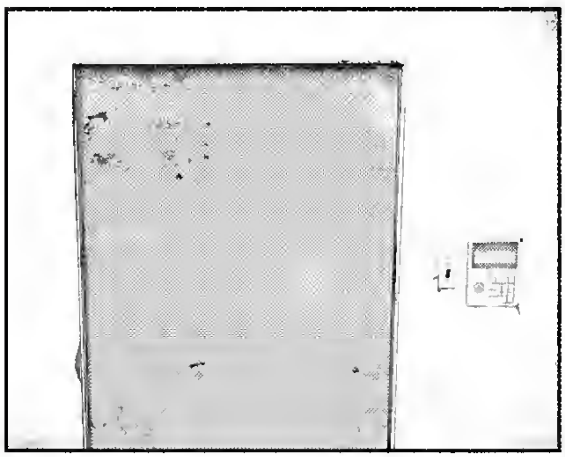
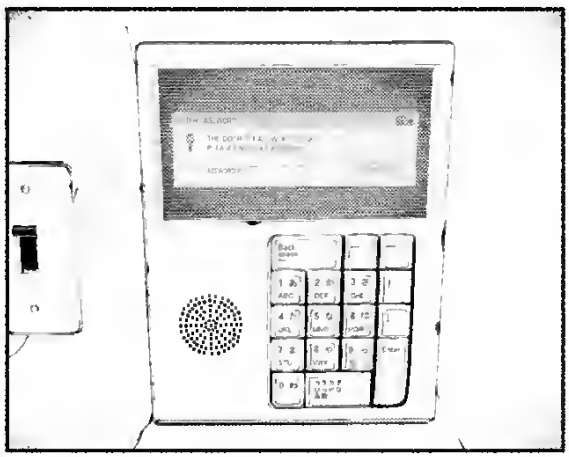
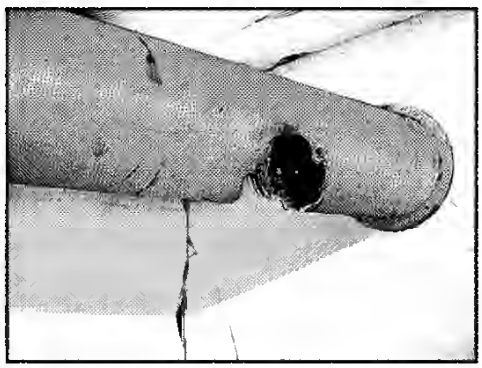
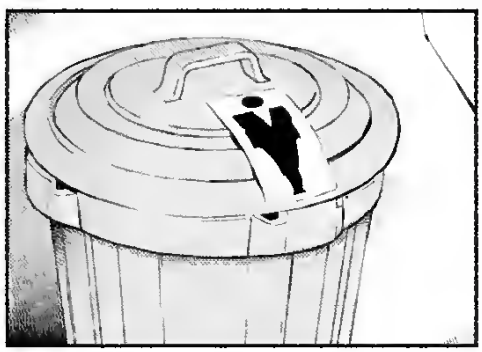
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD.
OK
PASSWORD(P):
CANCEL







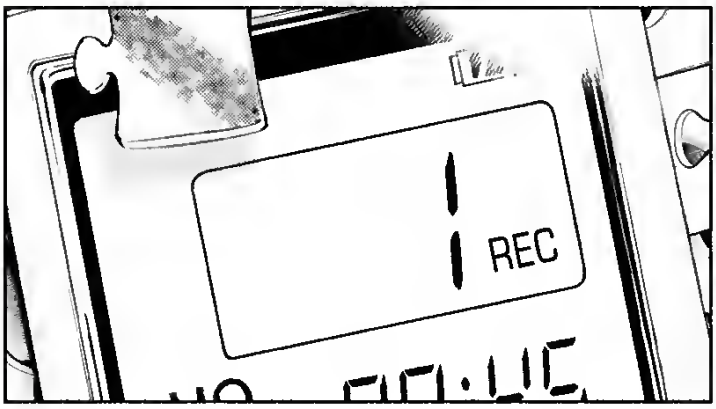


DADDY, LET'S PLAY
CLICK
カチャ…
EAT UP.

IT'S STILL LOADED...
CLICK
カチ
トス
T.MP
EAT UP.
...?

RUSTLE
DADDY, LET'S PLAY.
DADDY, LET'S PLAY.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
SLIP
LIFT
DADDY, LET'S PLAY.

HQ
HI
00:45
REC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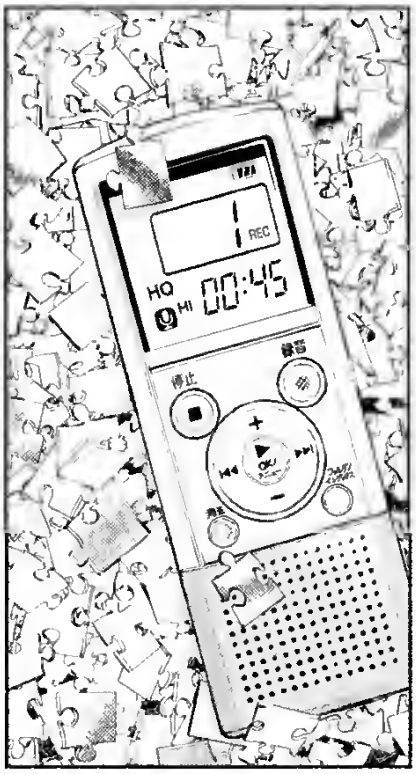
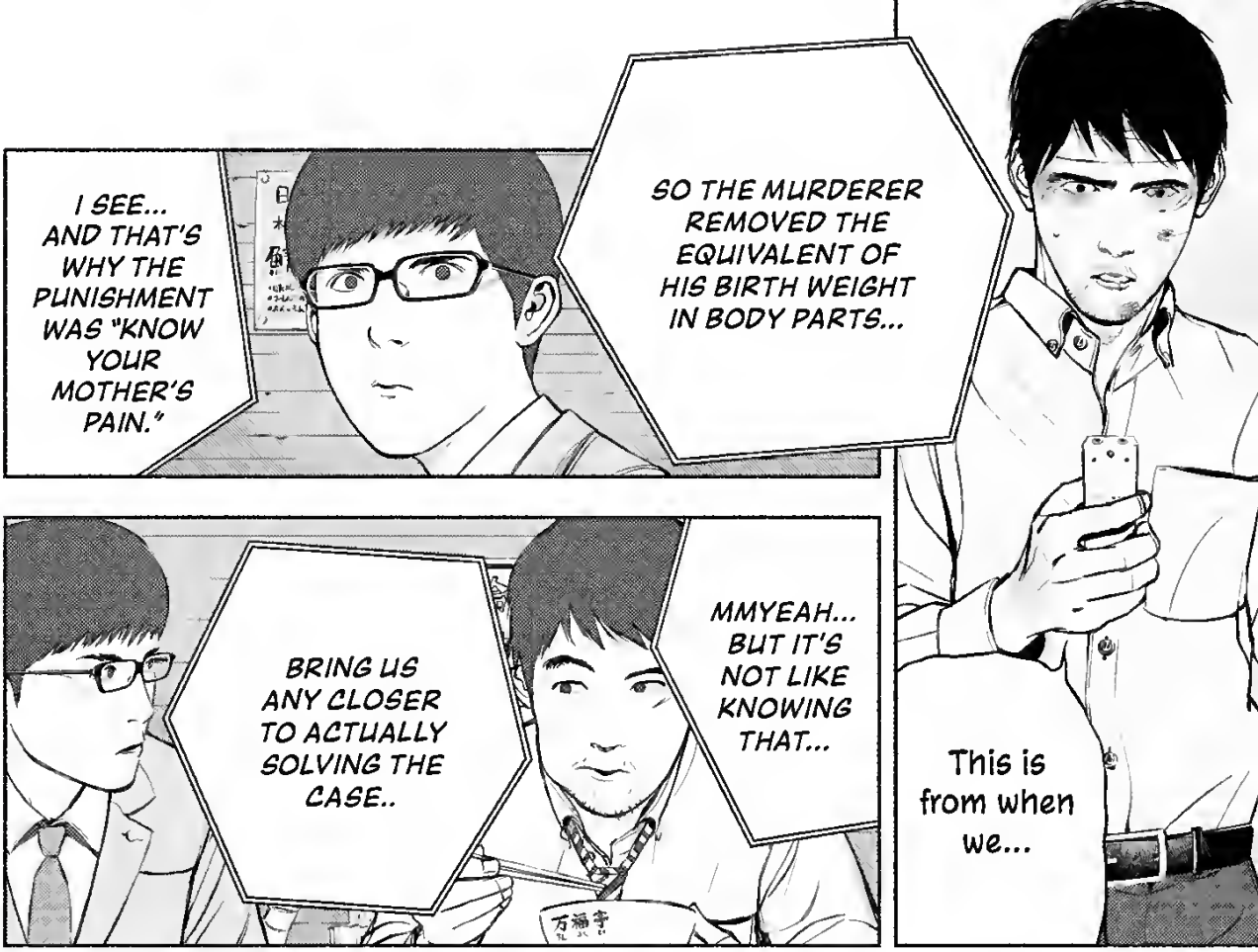

REC
HQ
HI
00:45
停止

MUR-
MUR
MUR-
MUR
BEEP
停止
録音
...
...
SSH-
HHH-
HHH
HQ
HI
00:42
MORE
THAN
LIKELY.
TO BE BRIEF...
THE VICTIM
LIVED A
CODEPENDENT
LIFESTYLE,
NEVER SPARING
A THOUGHT FOR
HIS MOTHER'S
HARDSHIP.
HIS BIRTH
WEIGHT...?
NISHINO...

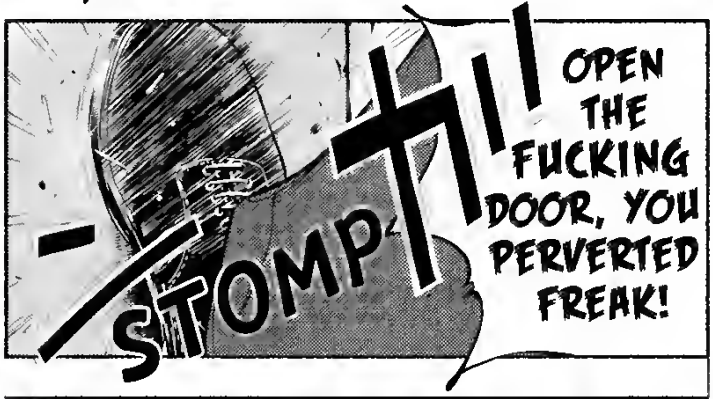

I SEE... AND THAT'S WHY THE PUNISHMENT WAS "KNOW YOUR MOTHER'S PAIN."
SO THE MURDERER REMOVED THE EQUIVALENT OF HIS BIRTH WEIGHT IN BODY PARTS...
BRING US ANY CLOSER TO ACTUALLY SOLVING THE CASE..
MMYEAH... BUT IT'S NOT LIKE KNOWING THAT...
This is from when we...

WHEN YOU CONNECT THE PIECES ONE BY ONE, YOU NATURALLY START TO MAKE OUT AN OUTLINE.
AN INVESTIGATION IS SORT OF A LIKE A JIGSAW PUZZLE...

A PUZZLE...
...
BEEP BEEP
I SEE...

...
SWISH
GRIND
GRIND
CRUNCH
SMASH
DON'T FUCK WITH ME, YOU PIECE OF SHIT!

FI!!
Shit!
WHAM
FI!!
Shit!
WHAM
WHAM
FI!!
OPEN!
FUCKING OPEN!
TINK
TINK
FI!!
WHAM
WHAM
FI!!
OPEN!


STOMP
FI!!
OPEN THE FUCKING DOOR, YOU PERVERTED FREAK!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

HUFF

I know you're watching me from some-where!
I'm onto you!

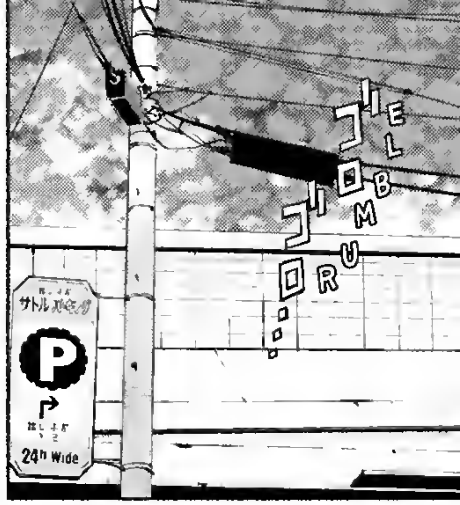
AM 04
WHAT IS YOUR ENDGAME HERE?!
DOES LOCKING ME UP MAKE YOU FEEL ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY?
05:48:37:10

Where are Haruka and Shouta, huh?!
Let them go!

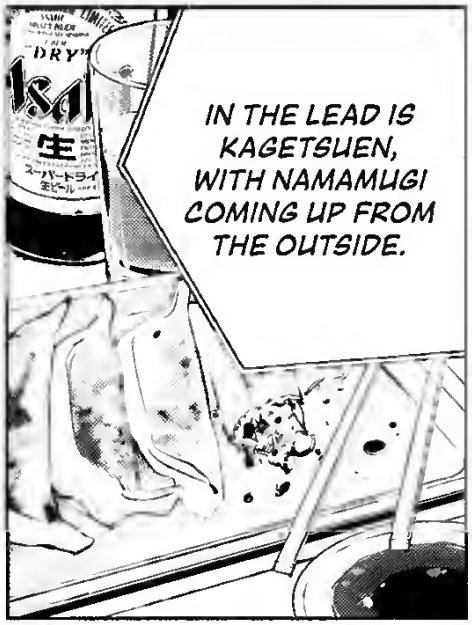
I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU, YOU HEAR ME?!
I'M GONNA MAKE YOU REGRET KEEPING ME ALIVE!
KICK
STOMP

That's the spirit, Detective Sawamura...
STOMP
What a good and honest boy you are...

COMING IN FROM THE FOURTH CORNER TO THE STRAIGHT!


24th Wide

HACCHOUNAWATE TAKING UP THE INSIDE, WITH SHIRUMIICHIBA COMING UP ALONGSIDE HIM.
Yesss. Come on, come on.

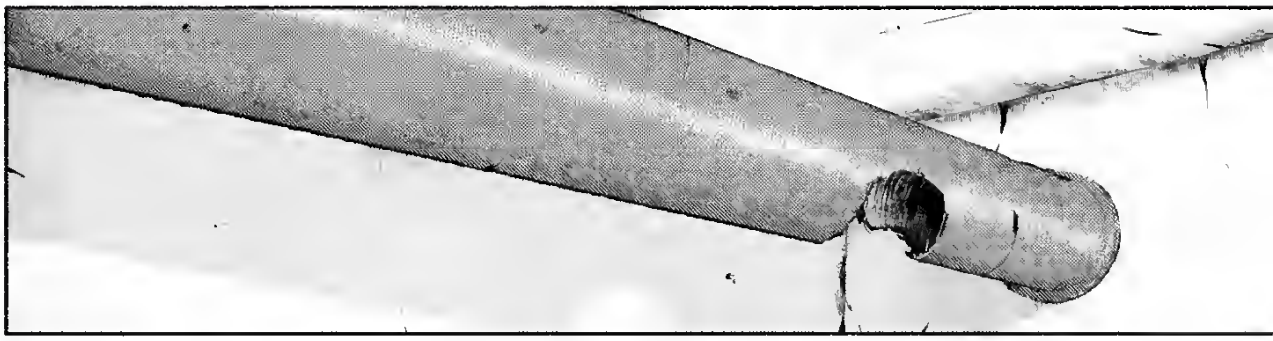

IN THE LEAD IS KAGETSUEN, WITH NAMAMUGI COMING UP FROM THE OUTSIDE.

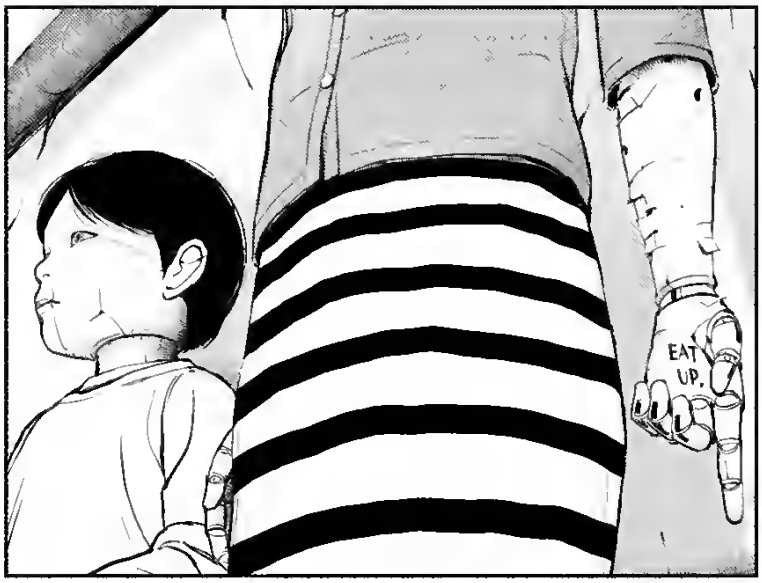
NO, ITS SHINKOYASU. SHINKOYASU HAS JUMPED IN IN ONE GO FROM THE FAR OUTSIDE.

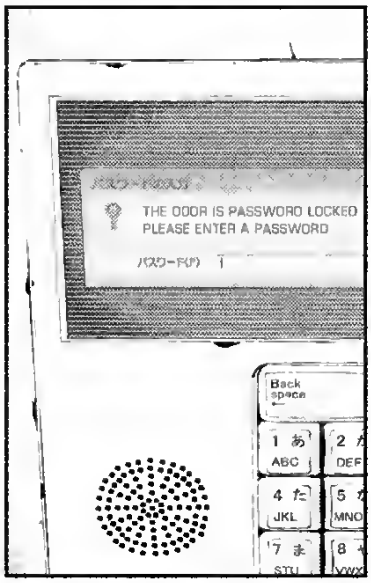
POP

Mm...?

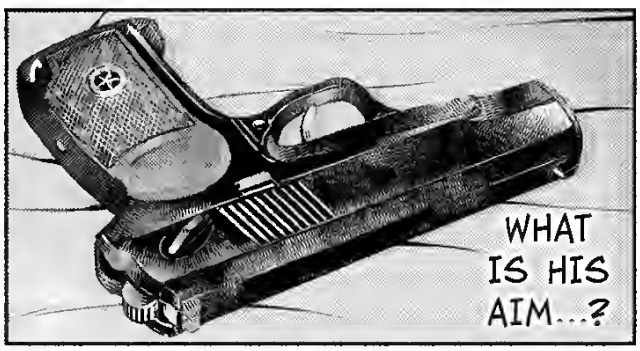
Don't play dumb with me, Tanabe...
Remember the detective who saved your daughter's life in the past.
ugh... can't breathe ...
Gwagh!
FLOP
That same detective would have paid you a visit two nights ago.
Ngh.
How would you like to go back to prison, Tanabe...?!
KOFF
PRESS
...
I don't care what it was he bought off you...Just tell me where the drop-off point was!
I just want to know if we're on the right track.

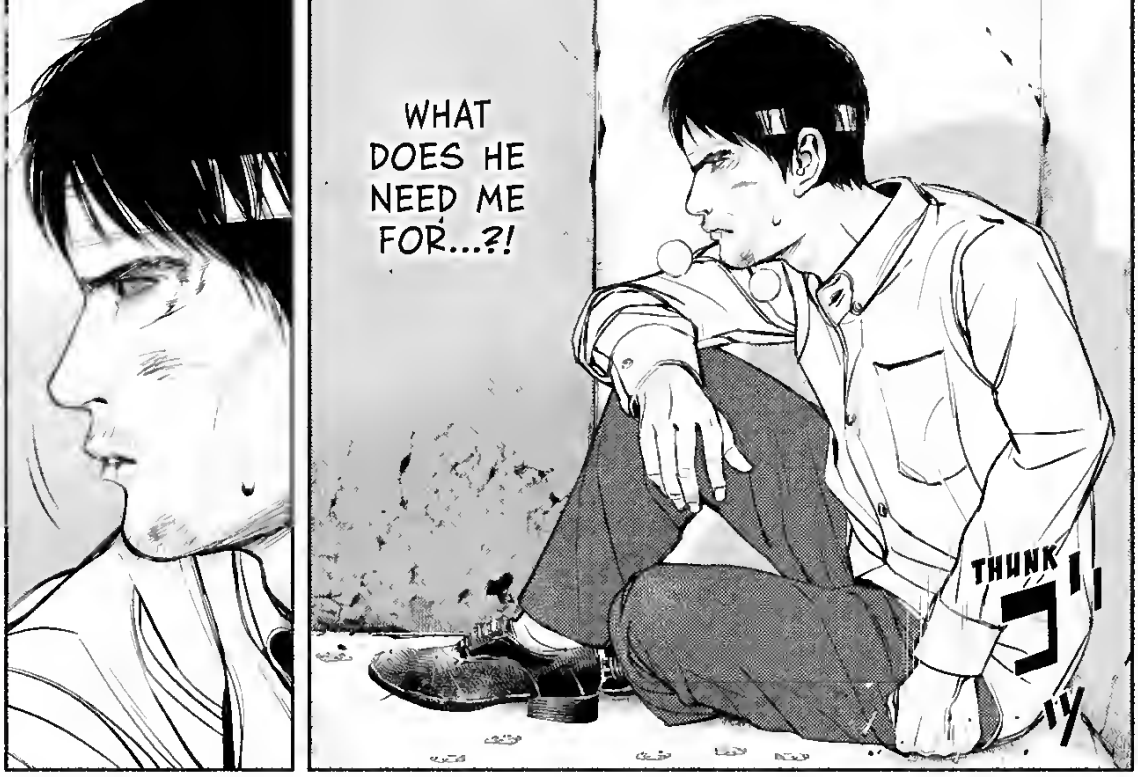



EAT UP.

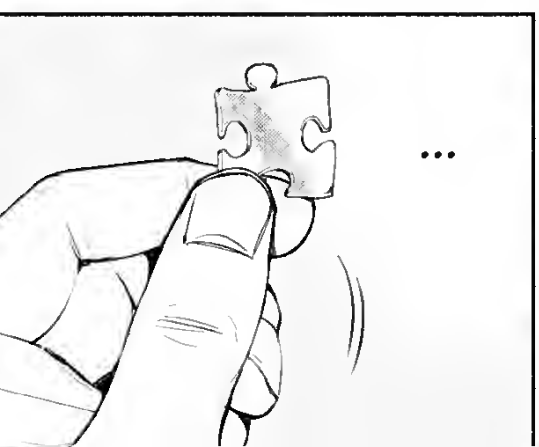

THE DOOR IS PASSWORD LOCKED
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD
Back space
1 あ ABC
2 か DEF
4 た JKL
5 な MNO
7 ま STU
8 や

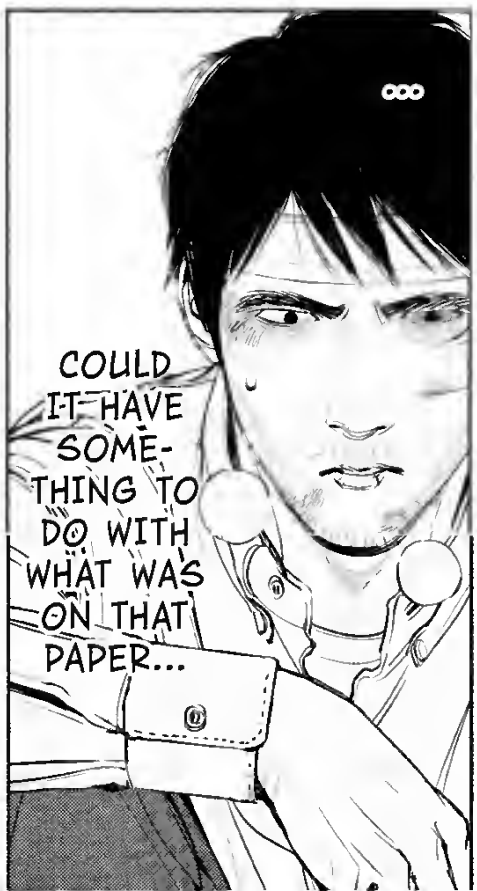
WHY DID HE LET ME LIVE...?


WHAT IS HIS AIM...?

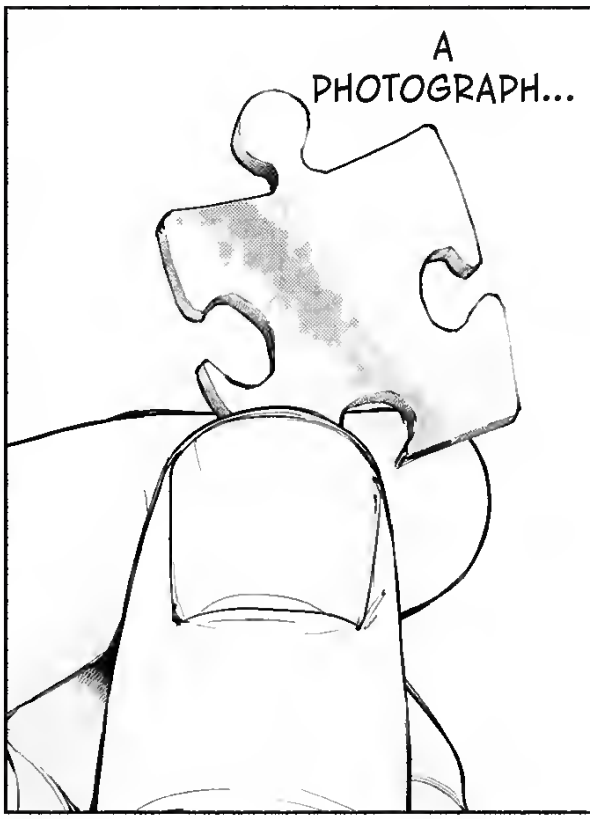


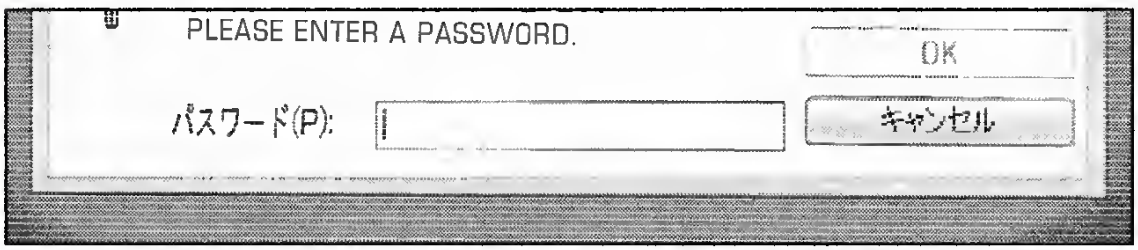
Punishment: Bring your family to work





A PAINTING OR SOMETHING...?
...NO.


A PHOTOGRAPH...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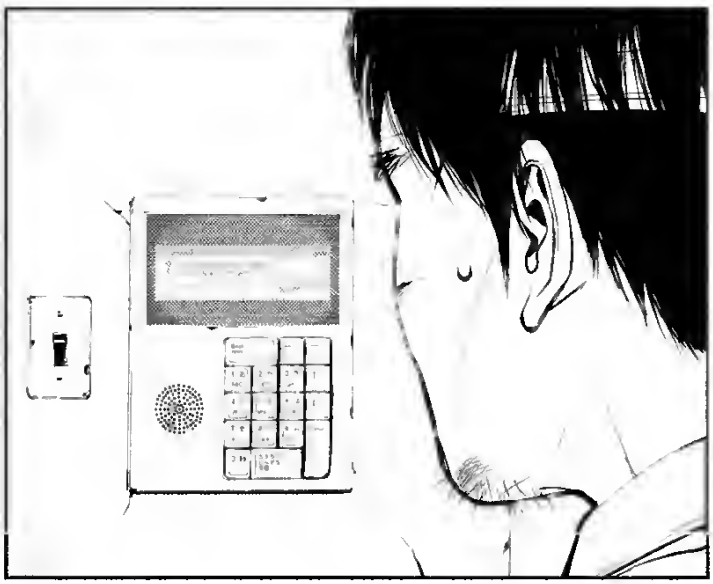
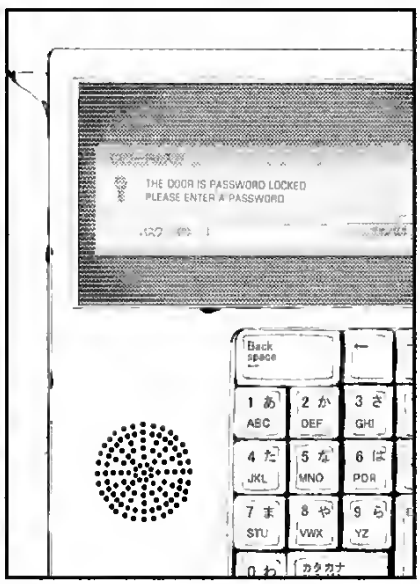
OK
パスワード(P):
キャンセル

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Back space
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PQR
7 ま
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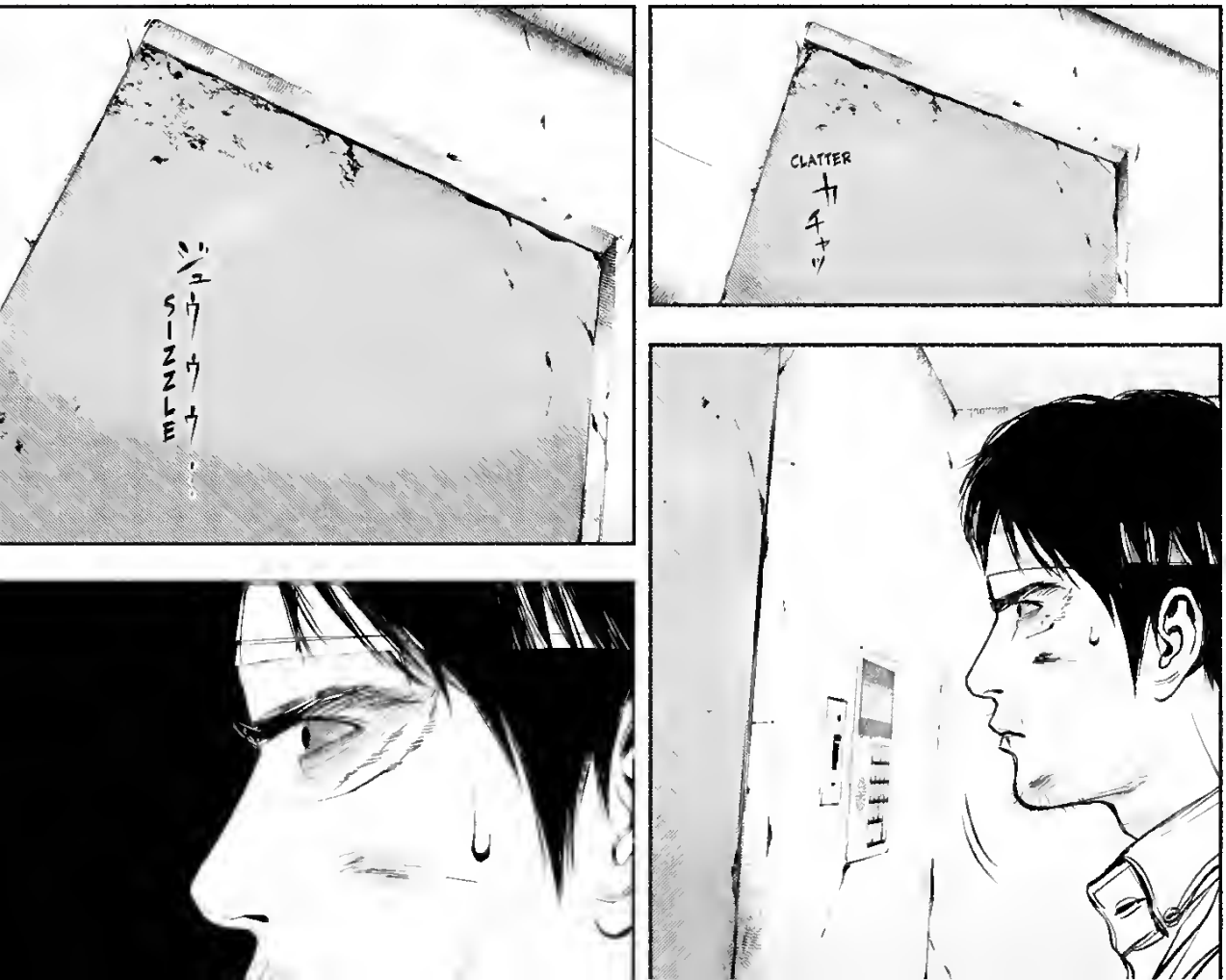
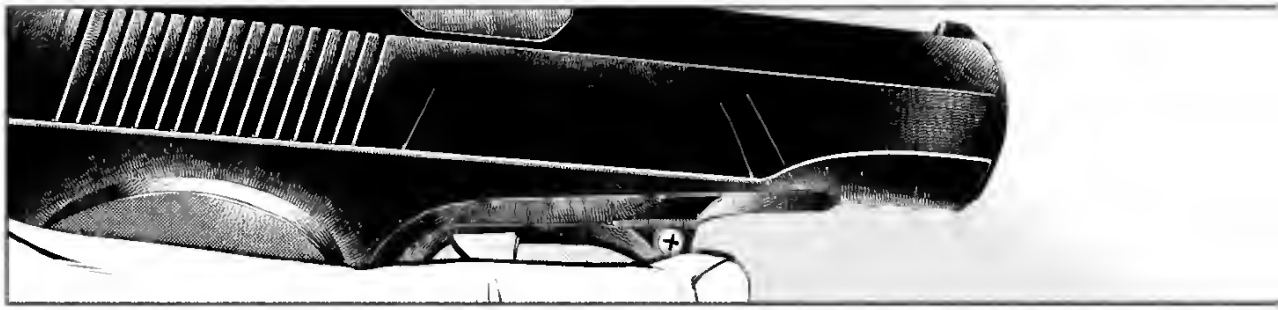
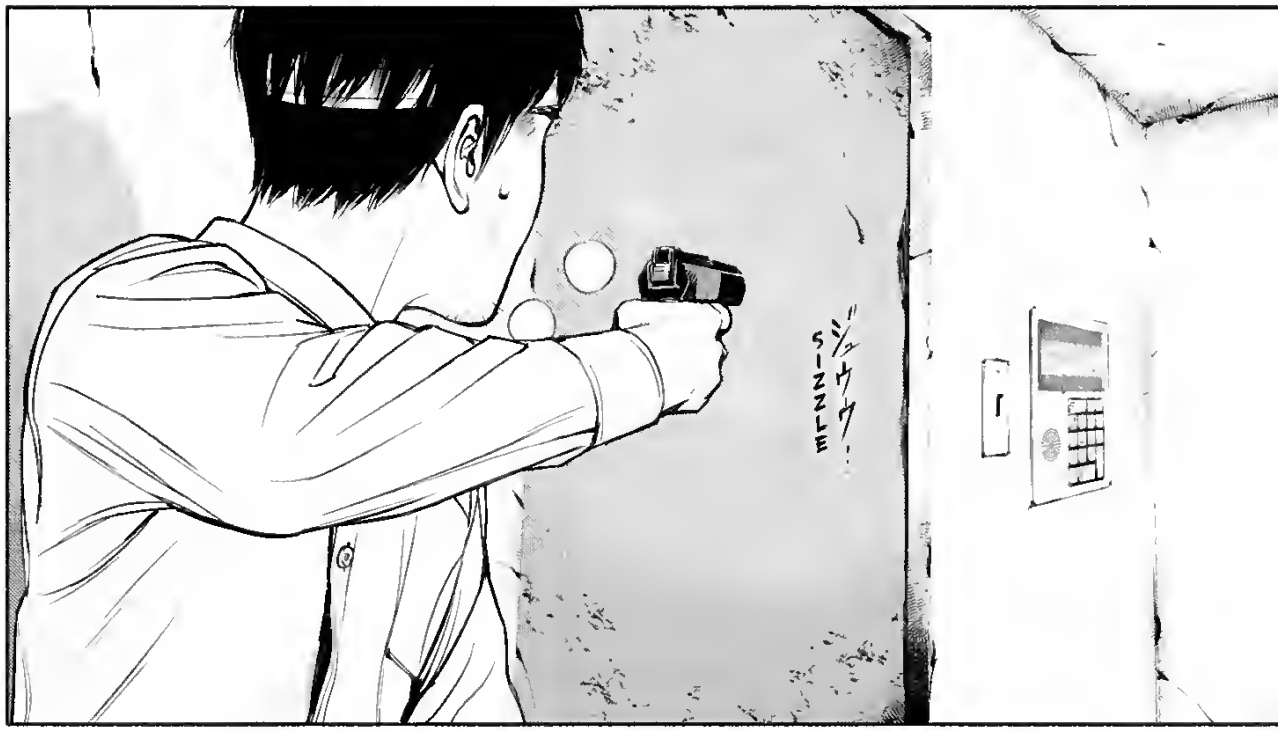
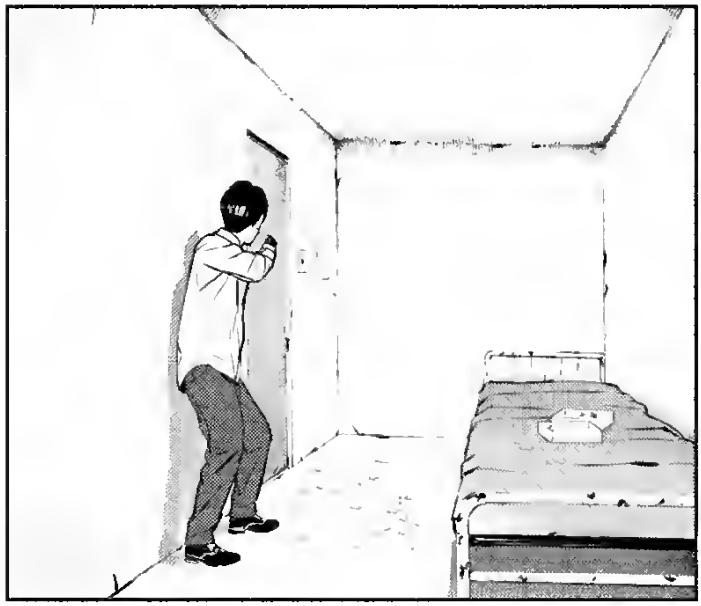
カタカナ

COULD IT BE THE KEY...?
...
THE SOLUTION TO THIS PUZZLE...


ジュウウウ…
SIZZLE
CLATTER
カチャッ




ジュウウ…
SIZZLE



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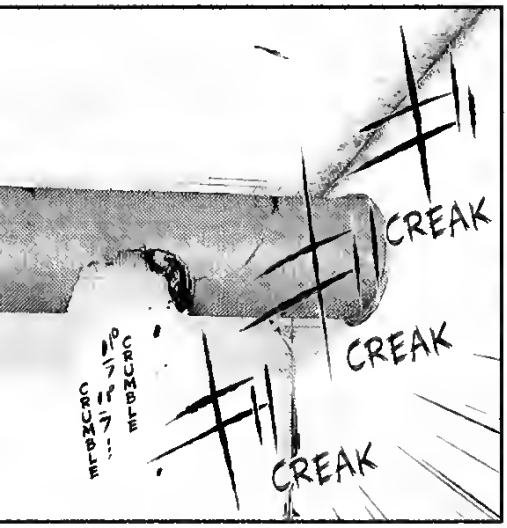
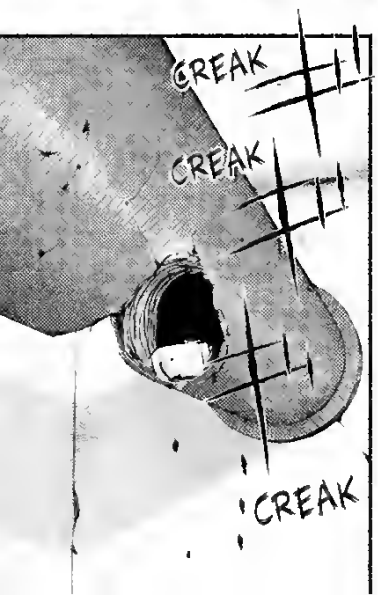
チ カ
TINK
チ カ TINK
…


CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE

…

TURN


CREAK
CREAK
CREAK

…?!
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE

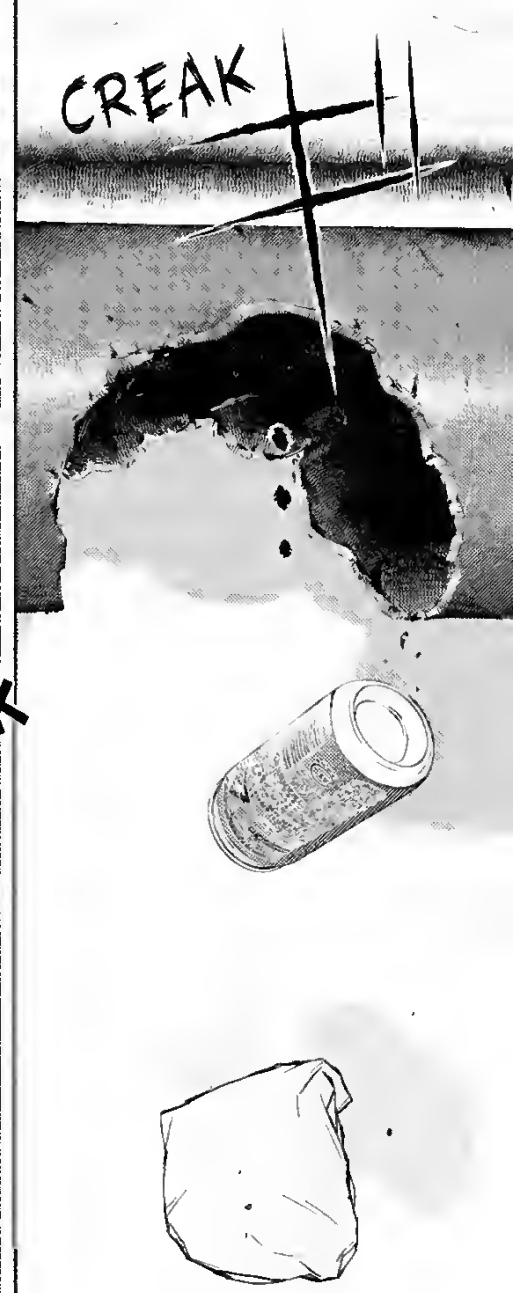
CREAK
CREAK

PLOP
CLUNK

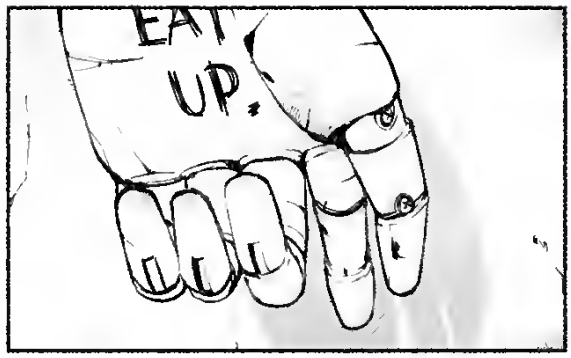
ROLL

EAT
UP.

...


CREAK

COLA


EAT
UP.

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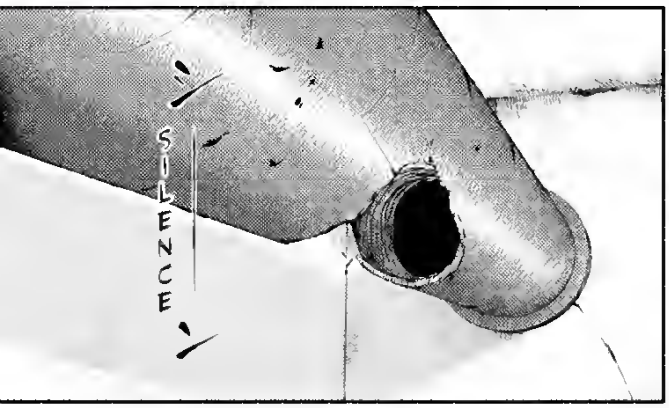
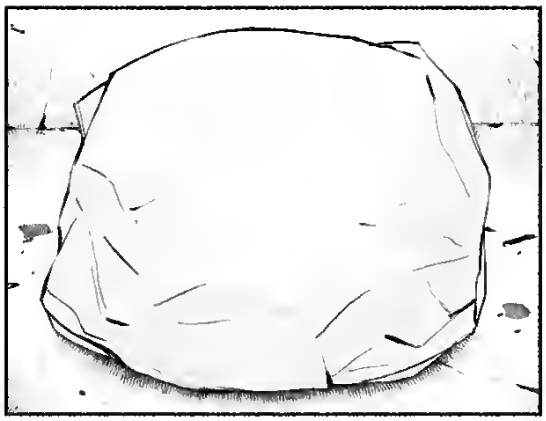
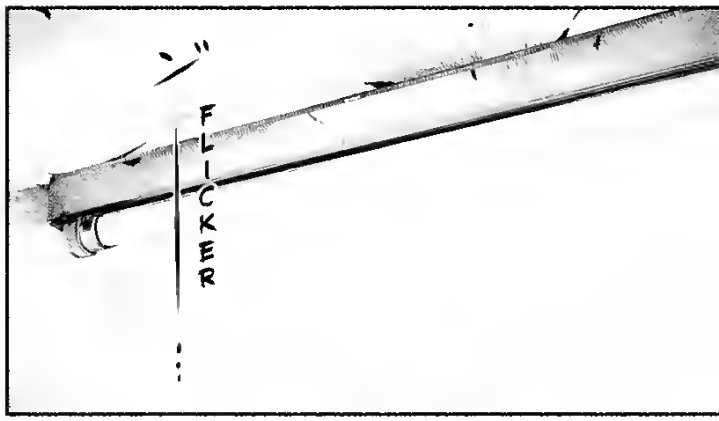

SILENCE

HUFF
HUFF




ジ
FLICKER
…

RUSTLE
ワ…ンヤ…

ピ…
FWIP

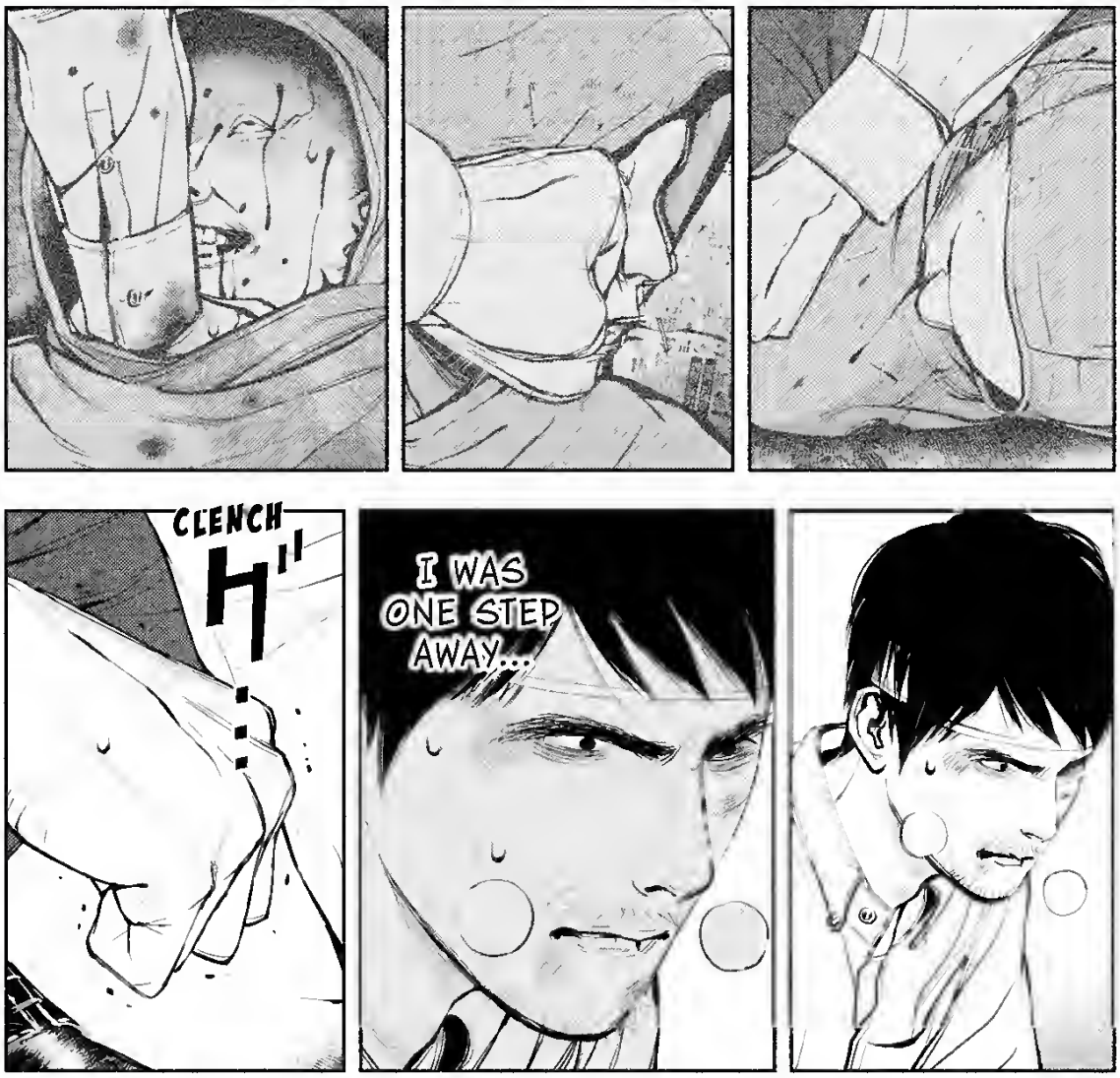
…

TURN
チャポ…
KIK
アルミ
©
カ
CHAP
ラ…
GULP
ゴクリ
LIFT
ピラ…
…
…IS HE BAITING ME…?
…
EAT UP.
OR IS IT POISONED …?

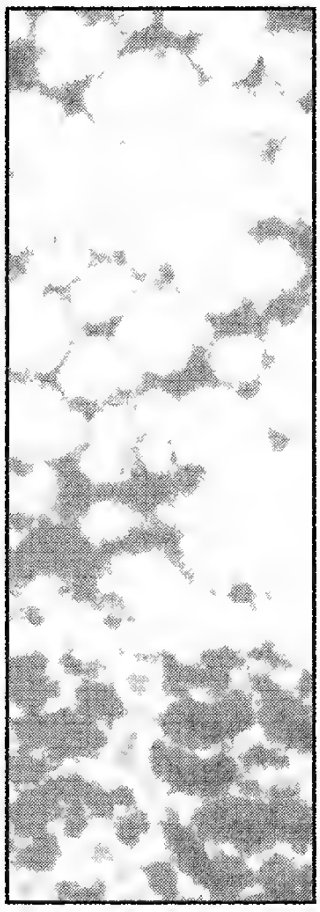
GRAB
...
WHAT IS HE PLANNING...?
CLUNK
God-dammit!
HUFF
HUFF
Quit skulking around and show yourself, you son of a bitch!

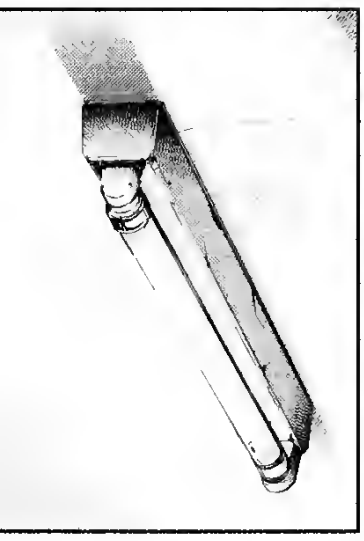
...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SLIDE
ス…

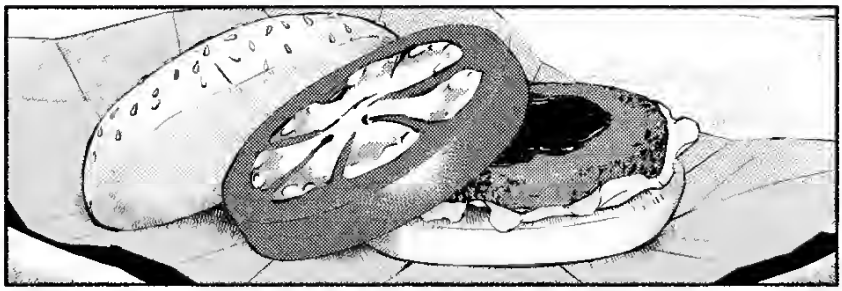
THE DOOR IS PASSWORD LOCKED
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD
Back space
1 あ ABC
2 か DEF
3 さ GHI
4 た
5 な
6 は
パスワードの入力
THE DOOR IS PASSWORD LOCKED.
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD.
OK
パスワード(P)
キャンセル
RUSTLE
TO GET OUT OF HERE...
I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO PLAY HIS GAME.
THERE MUST BE SOME MEANING BEHIND THIS PUZZLE...

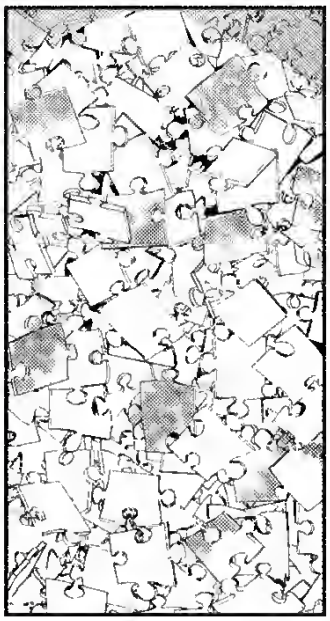

CLENCH
H!!
I WAS ONE STEP AWAY...
I WAS COMING TO GET THEM BACK...!

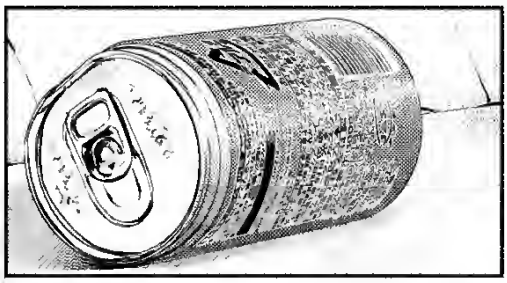
SLAM
SO MUCH FOR NOT HANDING HIM TO THE POLICE...
AFTER ALL THAT, I GOT MYSELF IN THIS MESS...!
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING...?!
THUD

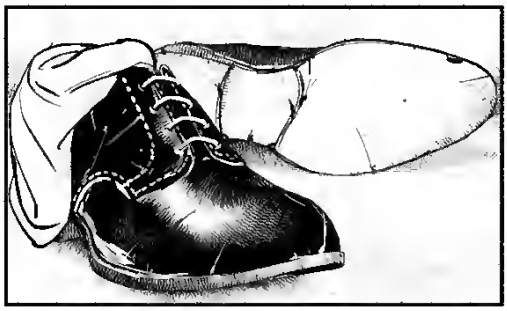






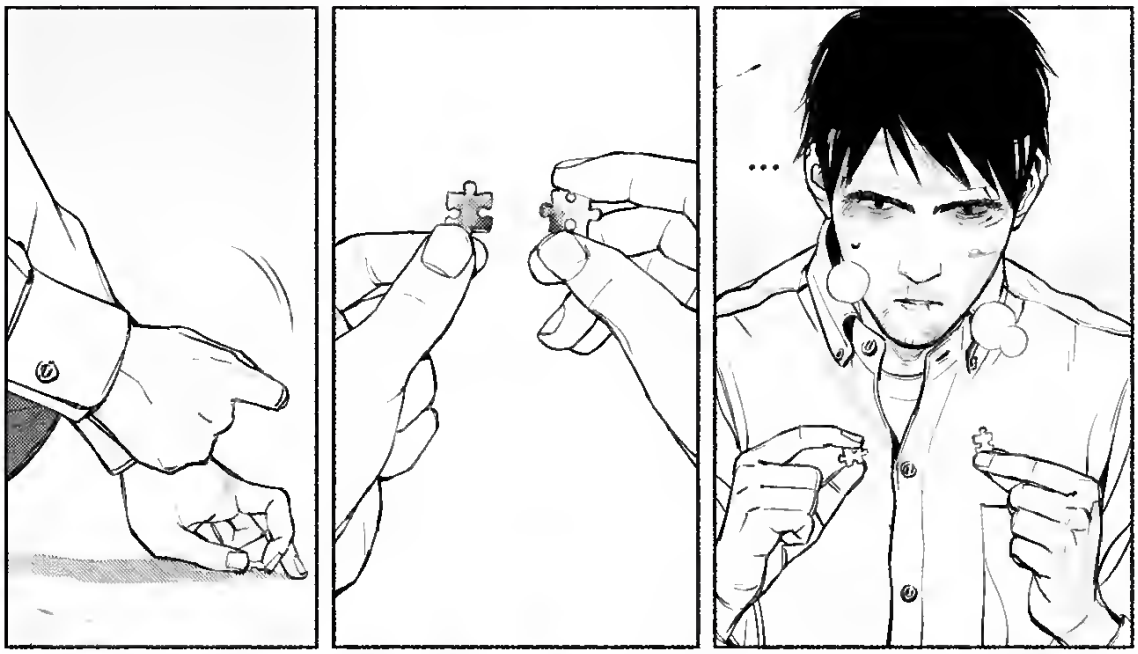




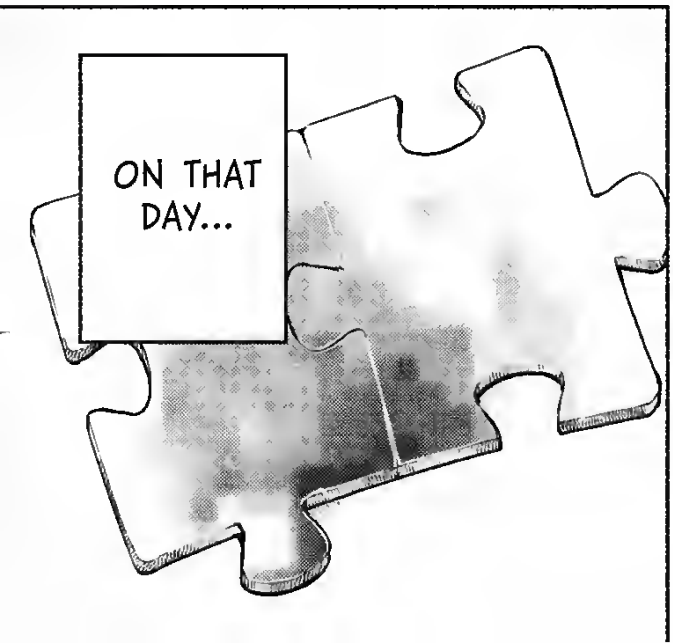


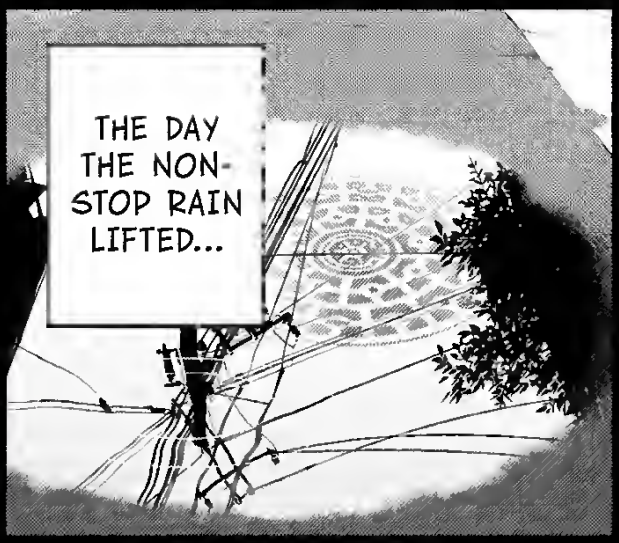
A WHOLE DAY...
TAK
NO... IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THAT.
TAK

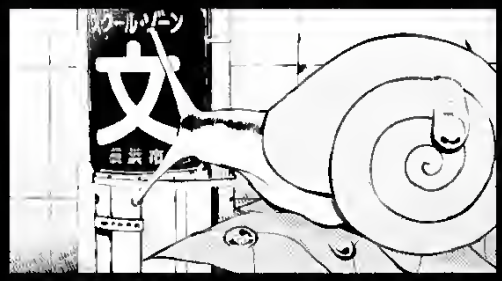
I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE...
HUH ...?


...

CLICK
カチッ


ON THAT DAY...


THE DAY THE NON-STOP RAIN LIFTED...



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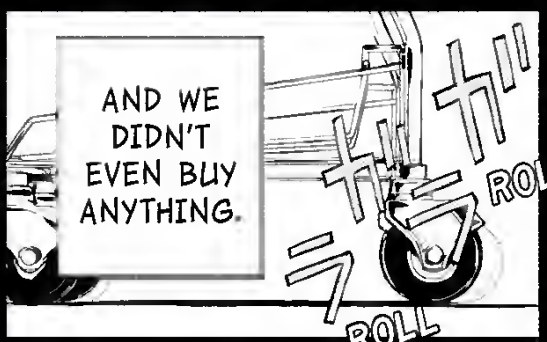
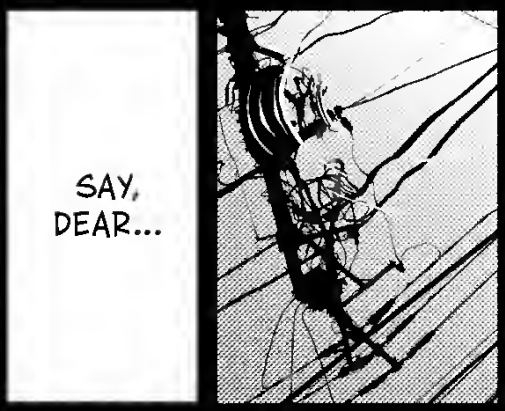
アイワイネットス


AND WE DIDN'T EVEN BUY ANYTHING.
ROLL
ROLL

I'D WANTED TO SLEEP IN ON MY DAY OFF...

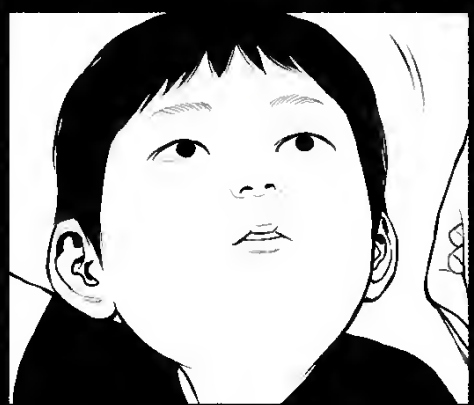
P
駐車場
...IT WAS AN UNEVENTFUL EARLY AFTERNOON.

EVEN SO, THEY SEEMED TO BE HAVING FUN...


SAY, DEAR...

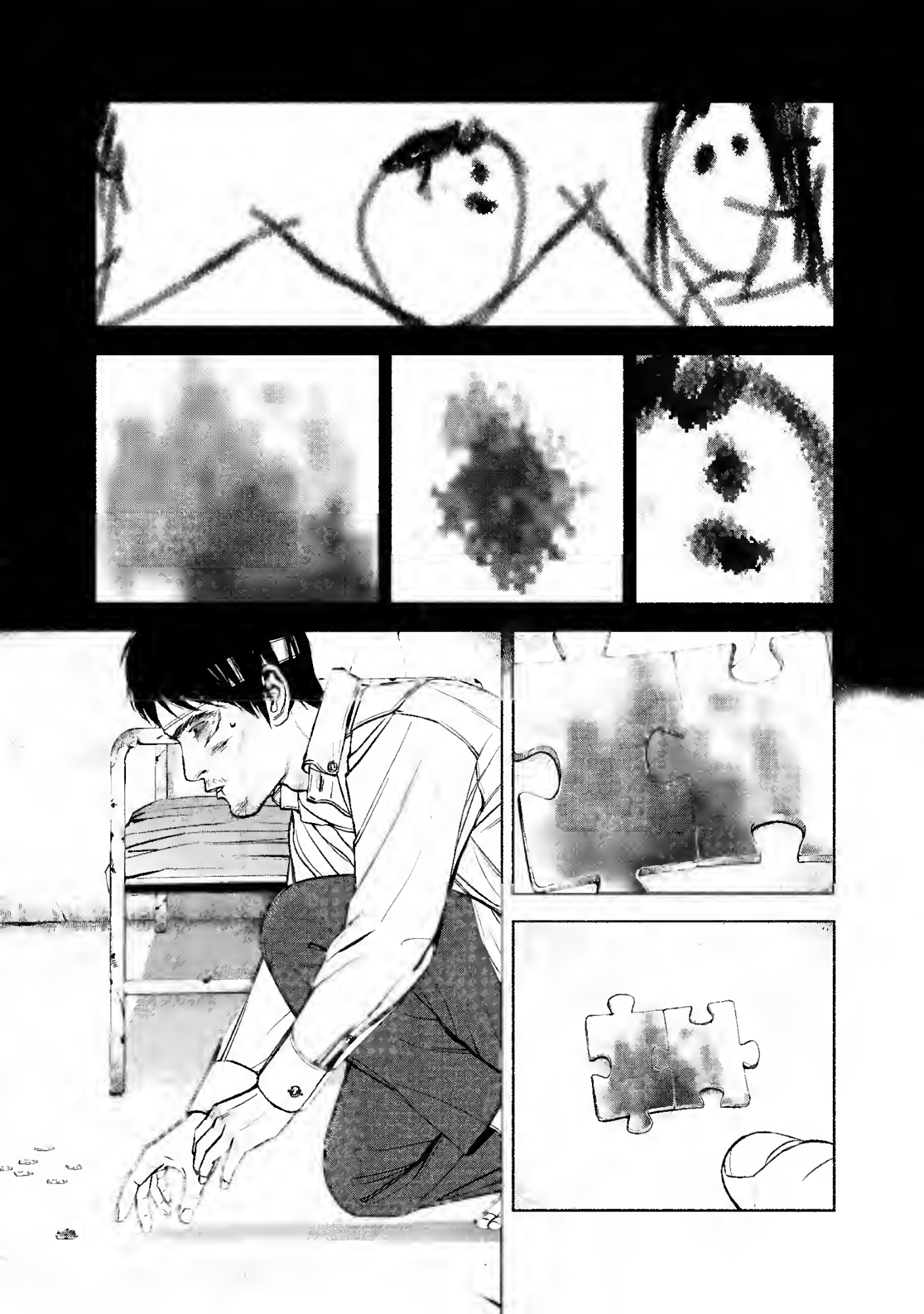
THREE...
TWO...
ONE...

...MM?

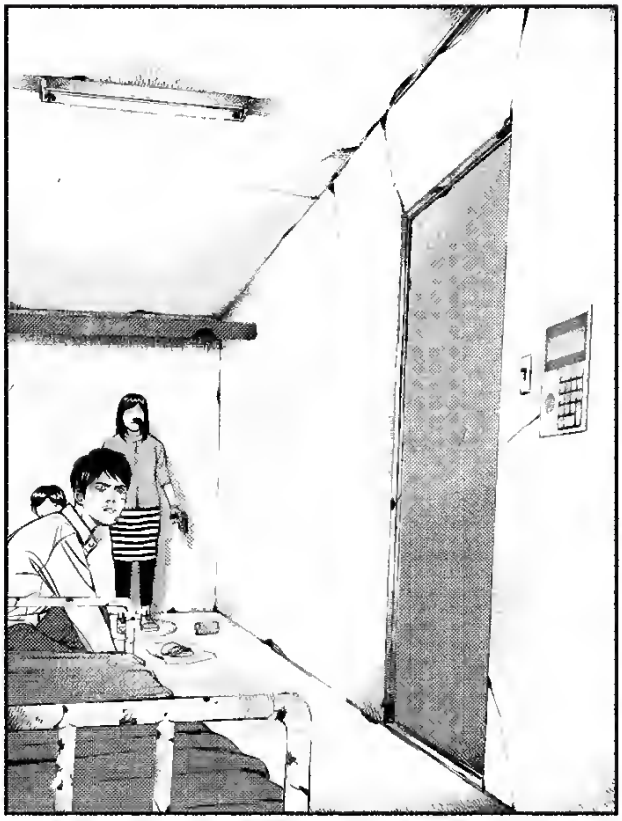


HERE WE GO, SHOUTA...

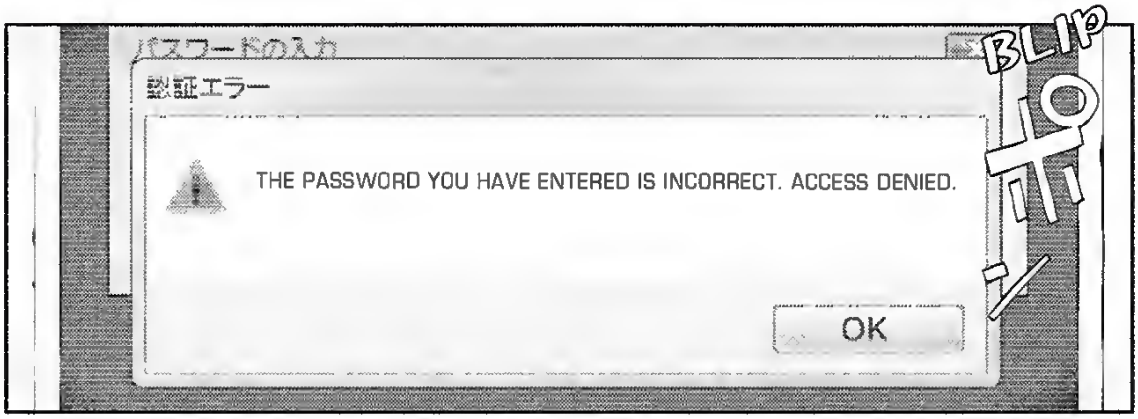
AND
JUMP!

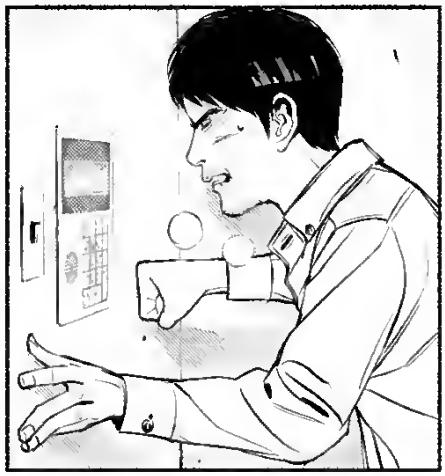


THAT PICTURE SHOUTA DREW...?

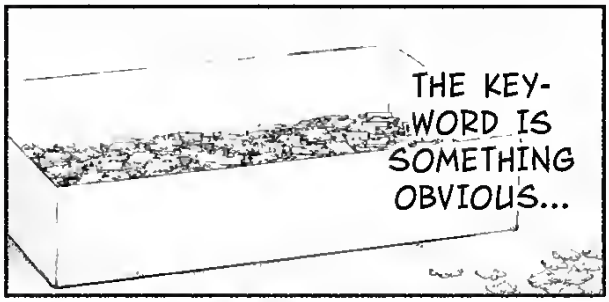


IF THAT'S IT...
THE DOOR IS PASSWORD LOCKED.
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD.
OK
パスワード(P):
キャンセル
FAMILY? LOVE?
SHOUTA'S DRAWING? SHOUTA? HARUKA?
TAP
TAP
...WHAT IS IT?
IF THAT'S IT, WHAT SHOULD I ENTER..?


パスワードの入力
認証エラー
THE PASSWORD YOU HAVE ENTERED IS INCORRECT. ACCESS DENIED.
OK
BLIP



Fuck!
WHAM


THE KEY-WORD IS SOMETHING OBVIOUS...

AND I HAVE TO FIND IT...!
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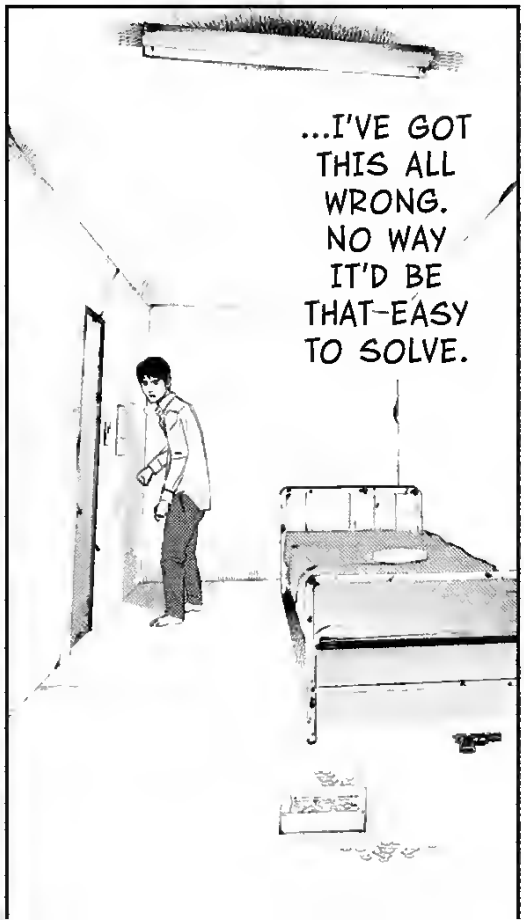
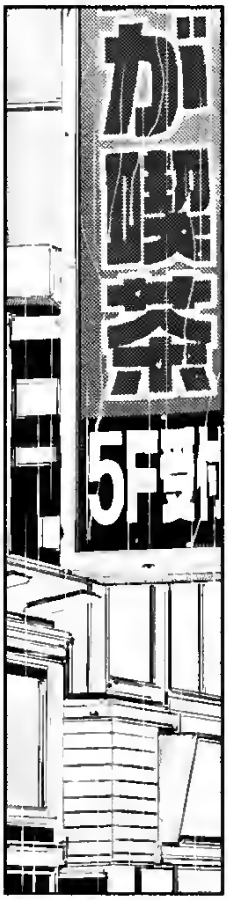
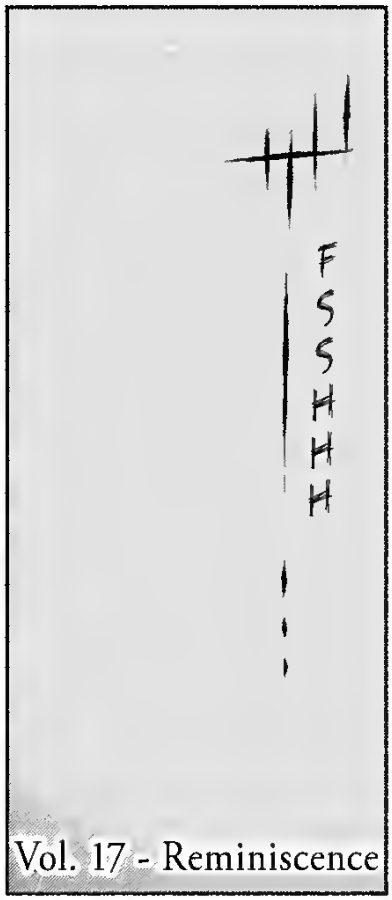

...I'VE GOT THIS ALL WRONG. NO WAY IT'D BE THAT-EASY TO SOLVE.

FSHH


が喫茶
5F

Yes.
There's a net cafe a few kilometers away from the laundromat the informant coughed up.
カラオケ
24時間営業
年中無休
ぽん
わいわい月刊4F


FSSHHH
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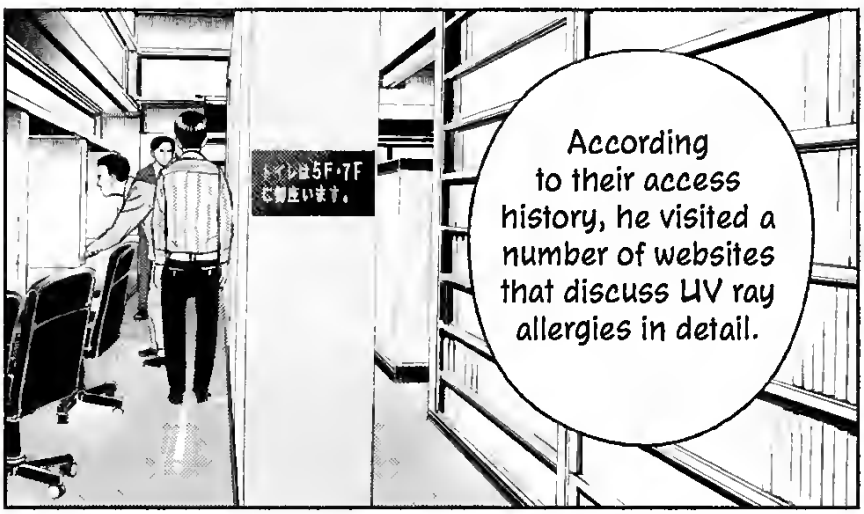
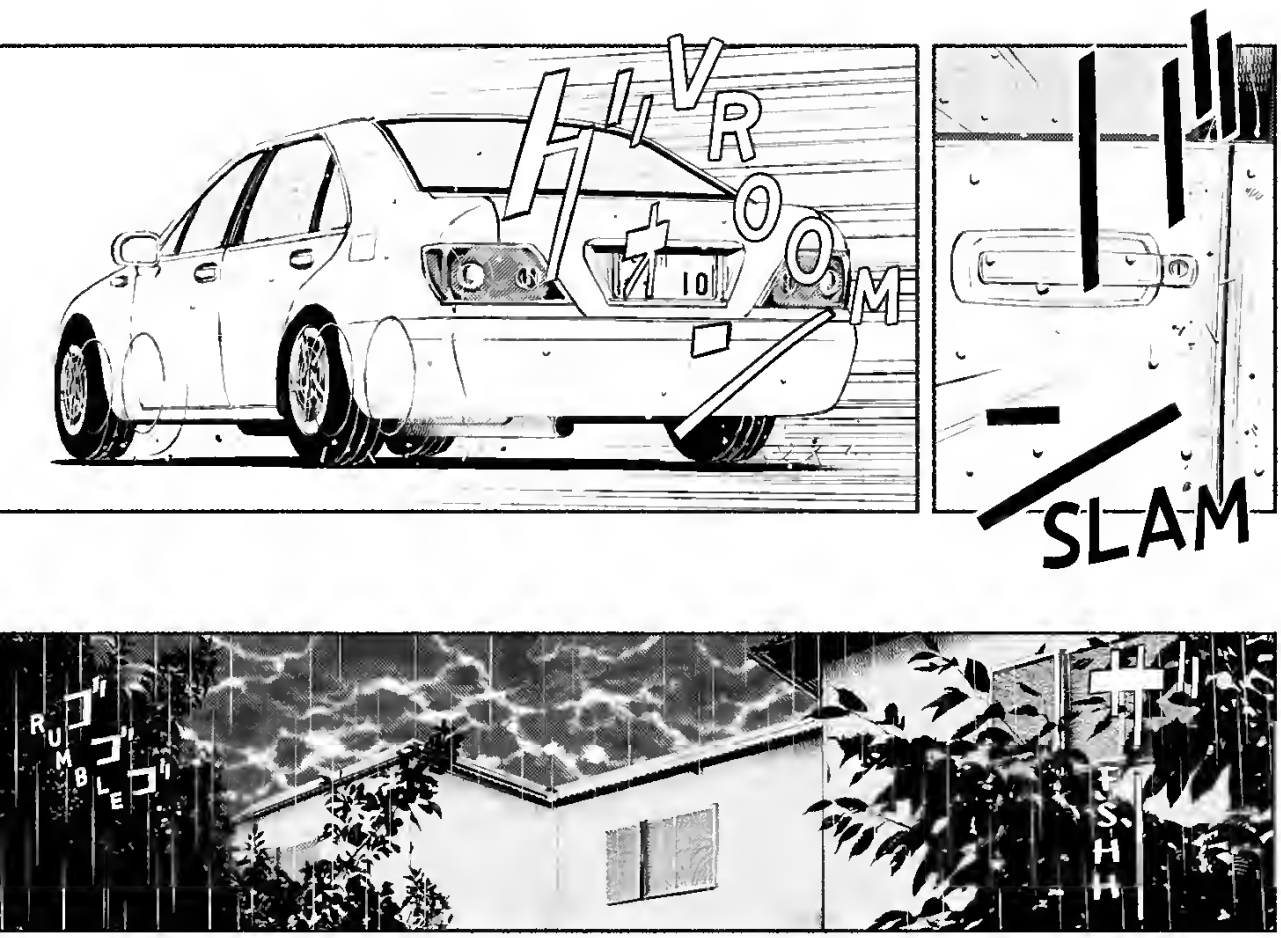
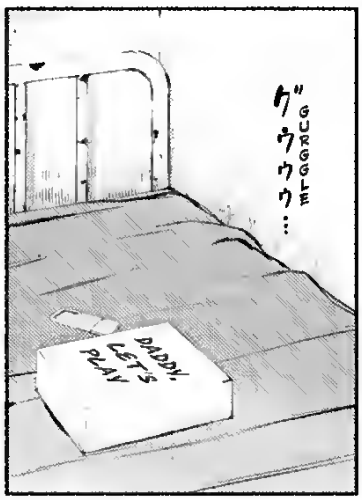

トイレは5F・7F
にあります。
According to their access history, he visited a number of websites that discuss UV ray allergies in detail.

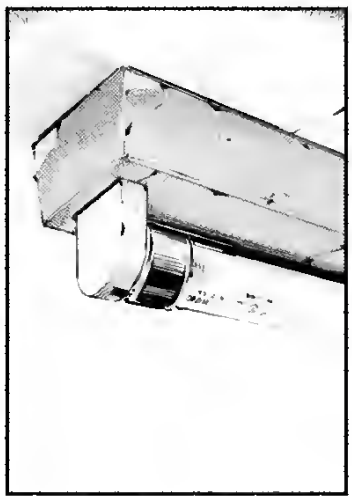
まんが喫茶

Ultraviolet allergies and hospitals...
YES SIR...
PRESUMABLY THE SUSPECT IS SOMEONE IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION... OR PERHAPS...
トイレは5F・7Fに御座います。
It appears he also looked up hospitals in the Kanto area one after another that have established allergy wards.
WE ALSO HAVE RECORDS OF HERE OF WHAT HE PRINTED.
Then we'll split up and check out those hospitals Sawamura looked up!
All right. For the time being, we'll head your way posthaste.
...
A patient?
FSHH


ヒュ
VROOM
SLAM

ゴゴ
RUMBLE
ゴゴ
ザー
FSHH

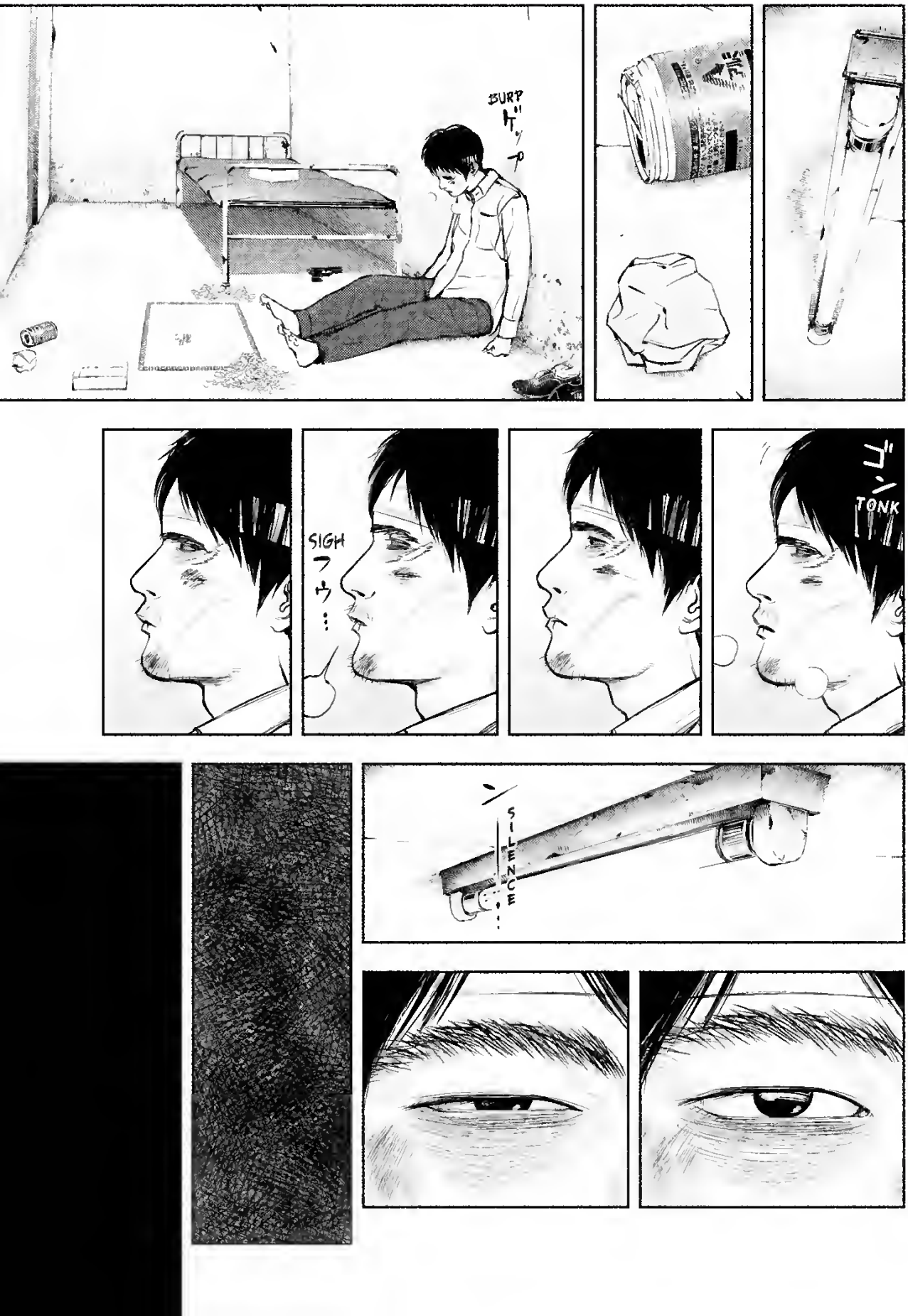

グゥウウ…
GURGGLE
DADDY, LET'S PLAY!



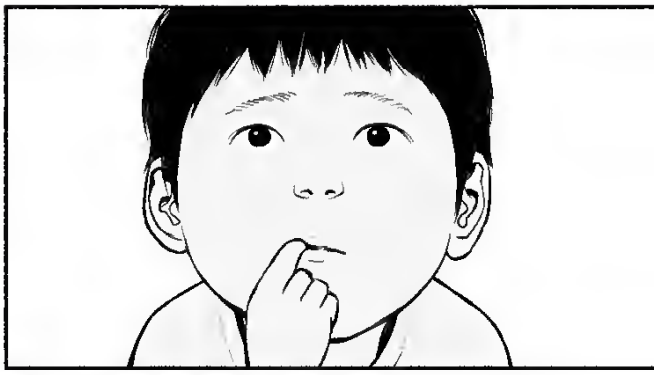
IT'S DEFINITELY HIDDEN HERE...
GURR
THE KEYWORD...
HUFF
HUFF
WAVER
GURGLE
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

THUMP
SHIT... CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT.
HUFF
HUFF
...
HUFF
HUFF
PANT
PANT
GULP
ゴク…
HUFF
HUFF

GLUG
GLUG
GLUG
GLUG
GLUG
GLUG
GULP
IT AIN'T POISON OR ANYTHING.
CHOMP
PANT
BURP
PANT
GASP!
COUGH
COUGH
TURN
IF HE WANTED TO KILL ME, HE WOULD HAVE DONE IT A LONG TIME AGO.
...


BURP
げっぷ
SIGH
フゥ…
ゴン
TONK
SILENCE

I HAVE WORK TO DO...



DADDY, PLAY WITH ME?

COME ON NOW, DON'T BE SO SELFISH.

POOR SHOUTA... YOU SHOULD SPEND SOME TIME WITH HIM.

BEFORE I KNEW IT, WORK WAS MY WHOLE WORLD... AND MY FAMILY PLAYED SECOND FIDDLE.

*Surgery in progress

*Tsuruoka General Hospital

CLICK
手術
Surgery in
Hisashi !
Hisashi !
ONE DAY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL... I WENT CHASING AFTER MY HAT WHEN THE WIND BLEW IT AWAY.
BY MY SIDE WAS MY MOTHER, TEARS STREAMING DOWN HER FACE.
WHEN I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS, THE TEARS STARTED ALL OVER AGAIN...

鴻岡総合病
BUT MY FATHER NEVER CAME TO SEE ME.
I SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL.
HE WAS A POLICEMAN.
AS A WORKING MAN, HE WASN'T OFTEN AT HOME. WHEN WE DID SEE HIM...
...YOU COULD BET HE HAD A GLOOMY EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE.
PRESENTS? FAMILY PHOTOS? A CONVERSATION? RARE AT BEST.
TIME SPENT AS A FAMILY? NON-EXISTENT.

WINTER OF MY 3RD YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL...
MY MOM, WHO SUPPORTED MY UNRELIABLE FATHER...
...AND WHO ALWAYS HAD MY BACK, COLLAPSED.
I know Pops will come running soon, so just hang in there!
Hang in there, Mom!
Hey! Mom!
BEEP
Be strong, Mom!
BEEP

BY THE TIME MY FATHER SHOWED UP...
...FIVE HOURS HAD PASSED SINCE SHE DREW HER LAST BREATH.
SNIFFLE
ヒック
IN MY YOUTH, I REJECTED HIM.
WE STOPPED SPEAKING TO EACH OTHER.

SPRING...
KIKIN
羽高等学校
THREE SPRINGS PASSED SINCE MY MOM DIED...

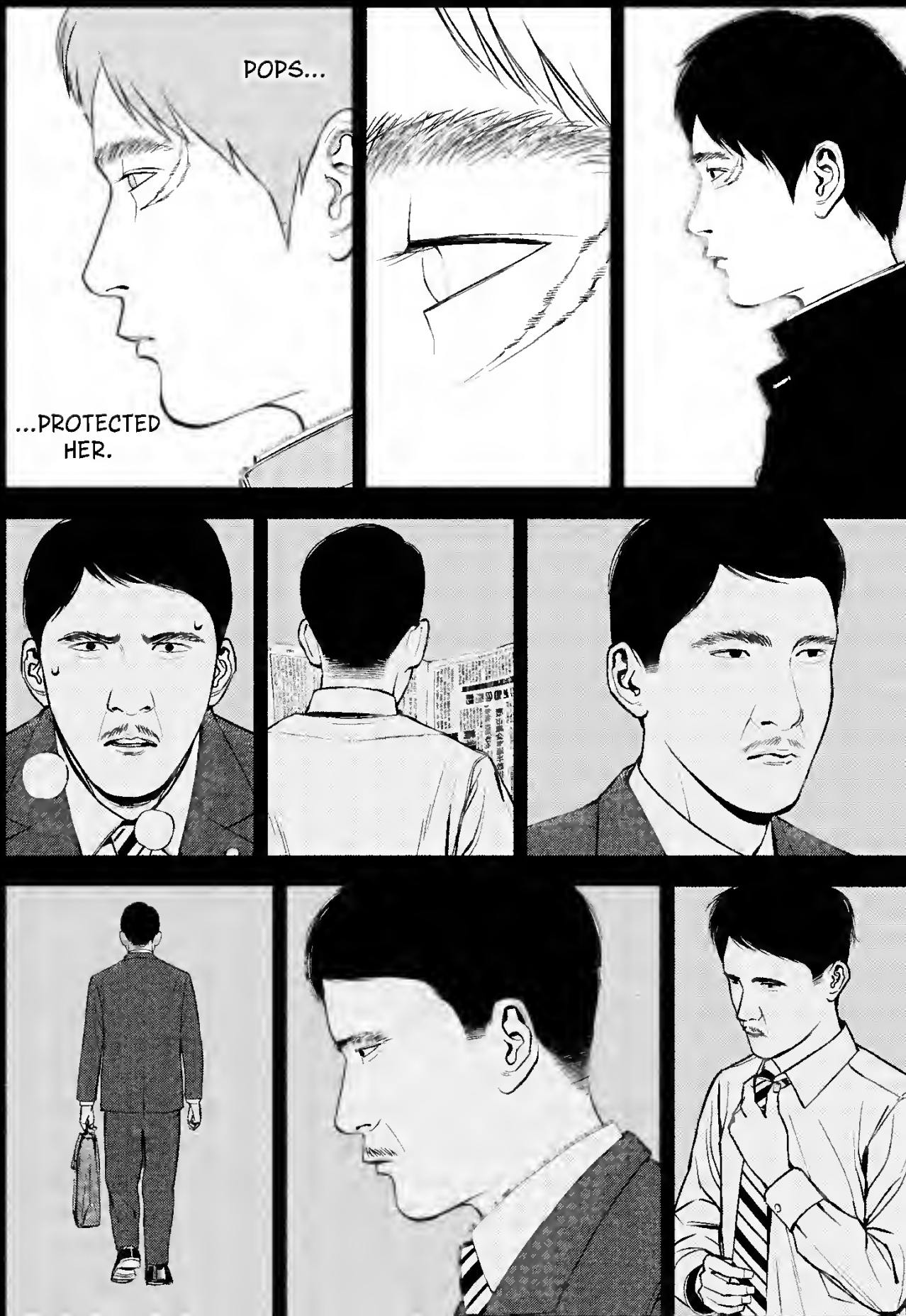
MOM...
WERE YOU HAPPY BEING WITH POPS...?
WHAT DID YOU SEE IN A MAN LIKE HIM...?
I'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND IT.
NOT ONE BIT.
CLASS 3-2, HISASHI SAWAMURA! PLEASE REPORT TO THE FACULTY ROOM IMMEDIATELY!
I REPEAT. CLASS 3-2...
DING DONG
DING DONG

What's the deal... Calling me out on the public broadcast like that...
FACULTY OFFICE
Sawamura... I need you to stay calm and listen closely.
A call just came to the school from the police.
PAT
My uh... stomach hurt, so I've been on the can this whole—
It seems he's been taken to a hospital.
Your father was stabbed while on duty.

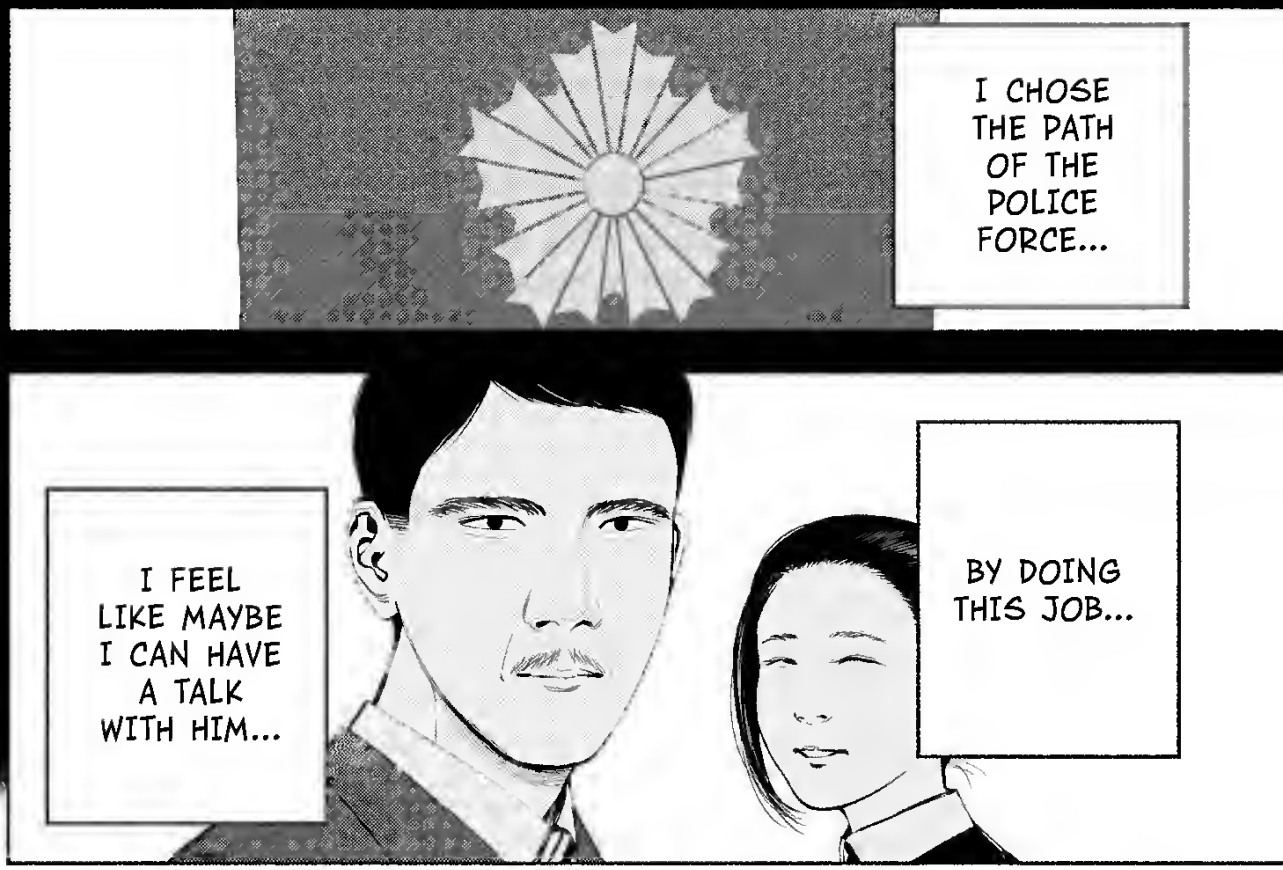
大学病院
University Hospital
霊安室
Mortuary
They said you were rescuing hostages in a robbery...
Your colleagues told me what happened.
AND NOW I COULD NEVER SPEAK TO HIM AGAIN...

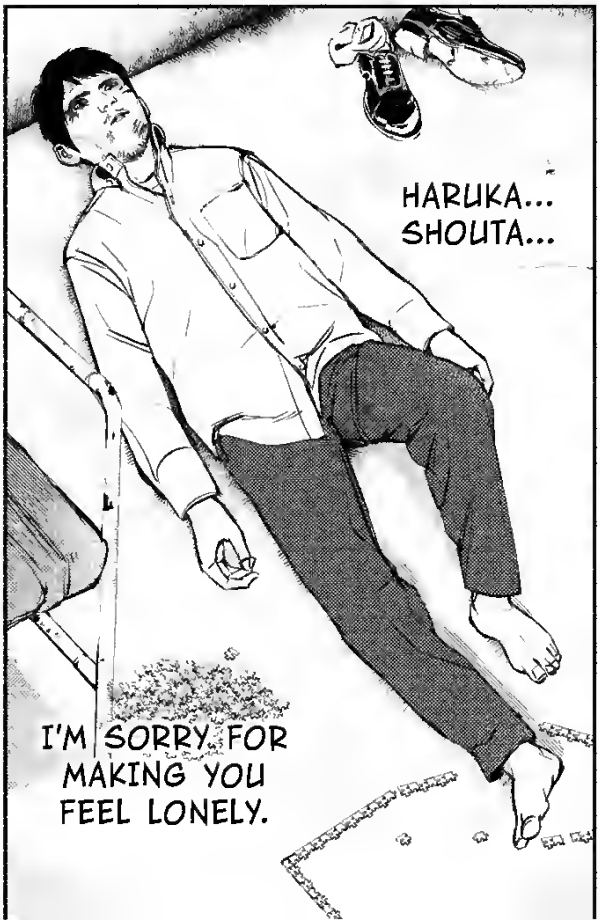
Excuse me, are you Sawamura-san's son?
CHACK
カチャン
Your father, he... saved my daughter.
... Yes.
...
Um... Forgive me for approaching you in such a difficult time...
...

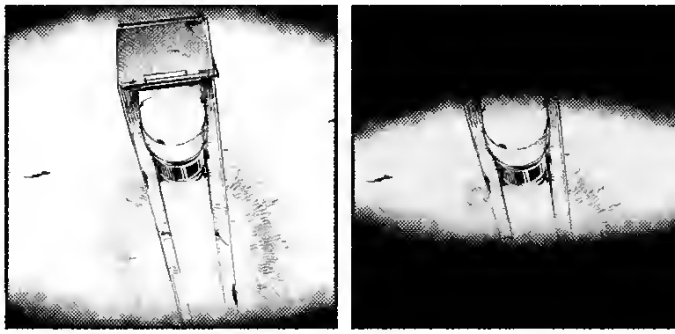
OH. THEY MUST BE THE ONES WHO...
DAUGHTER ...?
It's cuz I wanna say thanks.
Y'know what Mister did?
He protected me!


POPS...
...PROTECTED HER.

DRIP
DRIP
GRIN
Did he now...?







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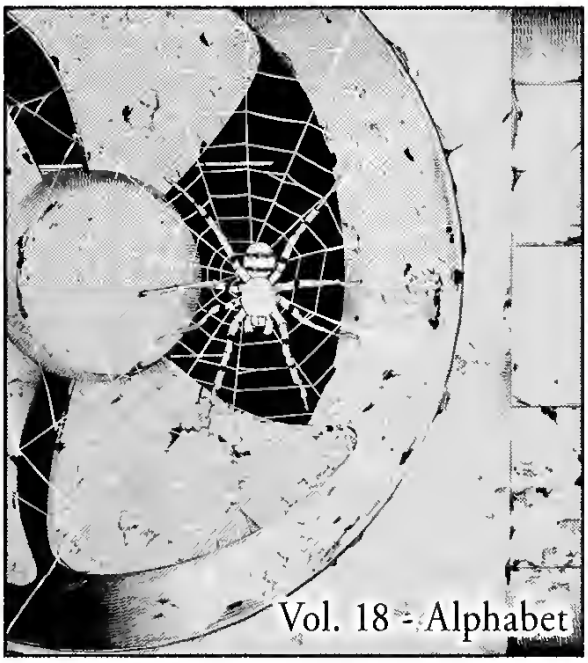
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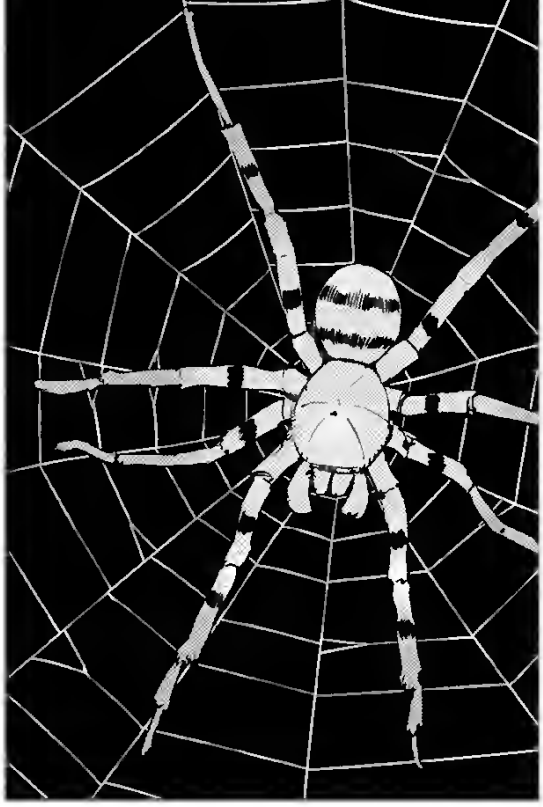
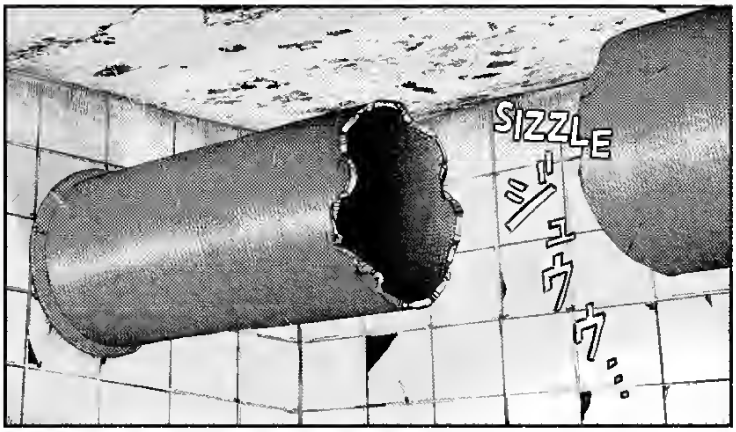
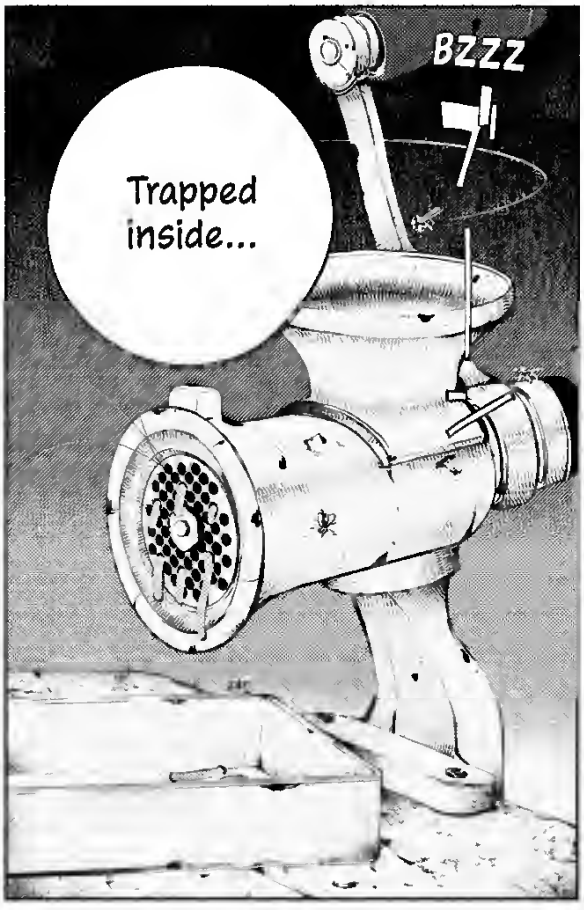


pickles
CHUP

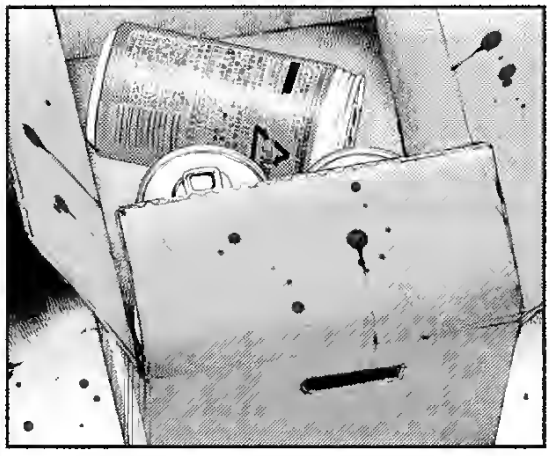

SIZZLE
ジュウウ...

Time travel is fun.
HUMMM

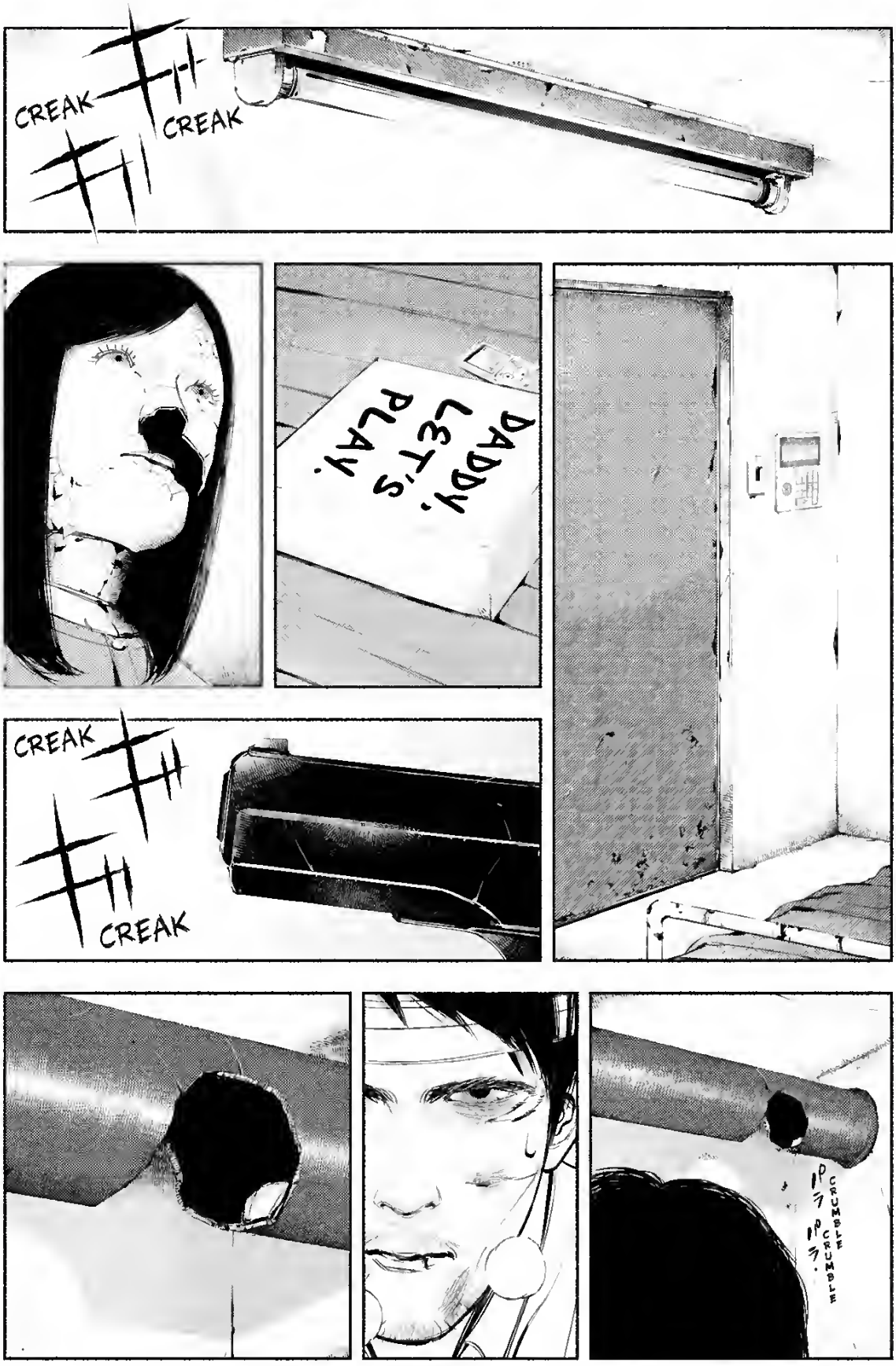
Metropolitan Museum.
SIZZLE
ジュウウ...


BZZZ
Trapped inside...

SCUTTLE



ジューシーハンバーガー
Of my favorite painting.
CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE

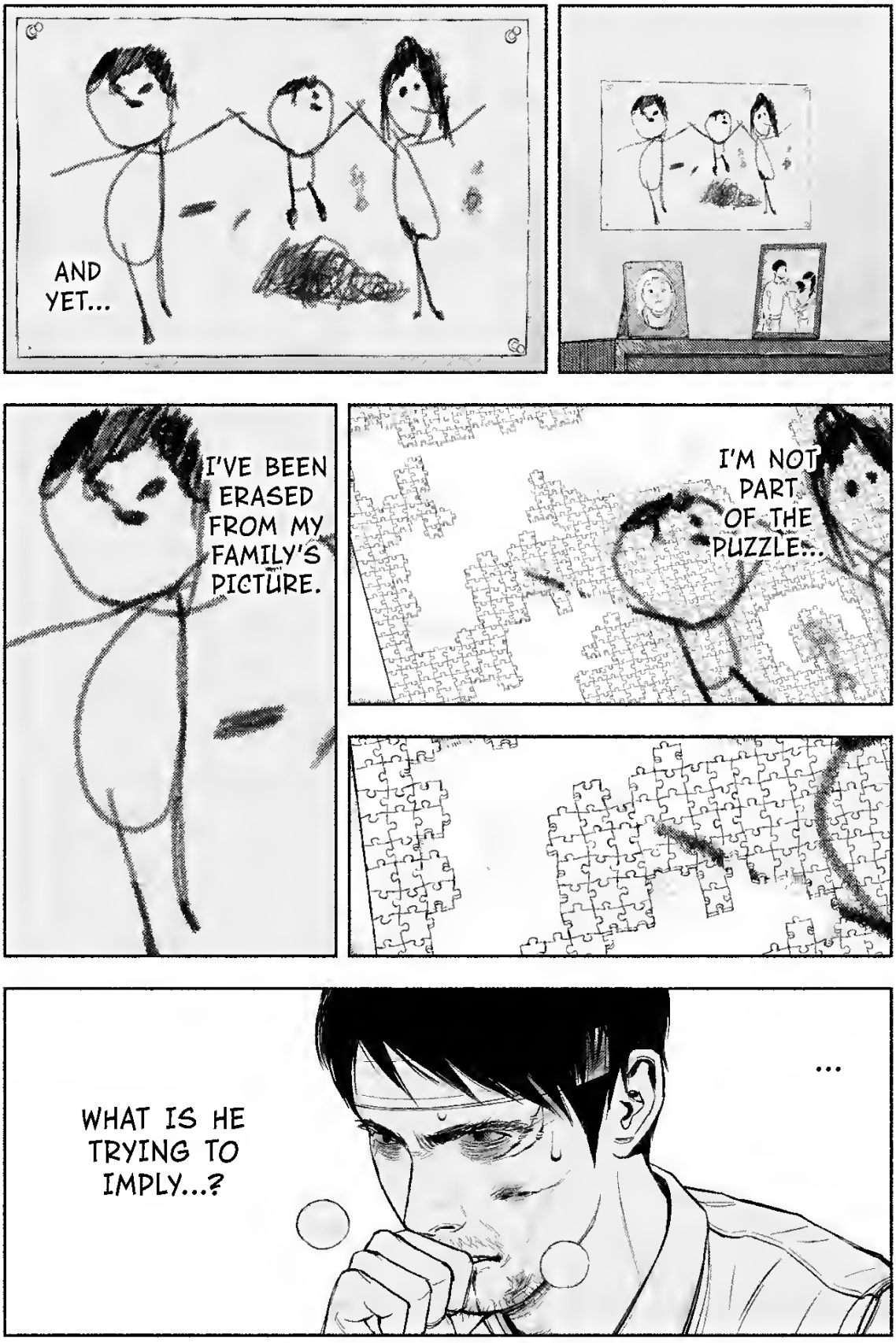

CREAK
CREAK
DADDY. LET'S PLAY.
CREAK
CREAK
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE

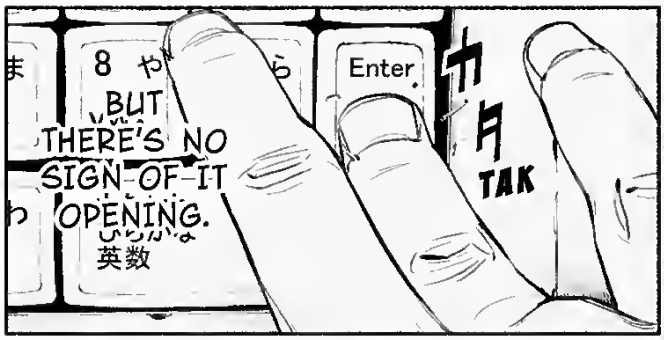
CLUNK
THUMP
CREAK
...
THIS IS THE FOURTH MEAL.
EVERY FEW HOURS, A SHITTY HAMBURGER AND LUKE-WARM SODA.

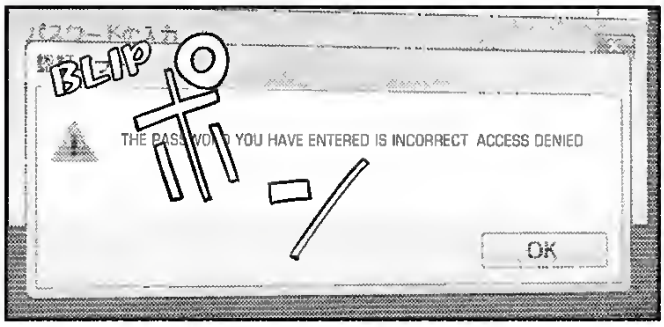
CLANG
They're safe, aren't they! Well?!
They're alive, aren't they?!
I know you're still there!
Give me a fucking break, you freakshow!
Let me hear their voices!
You bring Haruka and Shouta here right now!

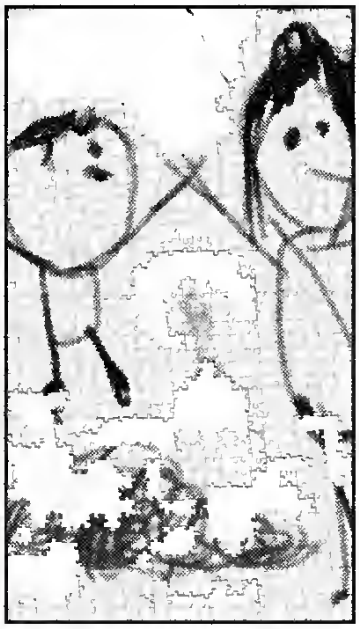
Say some-thing, you fuck!
Don't you dare stay quiet! Answer my fucking questions!
CLANG
GRR
HUFF
HUFF

JUST HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN TRAPPED HERE...?
I'VE PUT TOGETHER MORE THAN HALF THE PIECES.
THIS IS THE PICTURE SHOUTA DREW...
WHAT'S COMING UP IS UNMISTAKABLE.


AND YET...
I'VE BEEN ERASED FROM MY FAMILY'S PICTURE.
I'M NOT PART OF THE PUZZLE...
WHAT IS HE TRYING TO IMPLY...?
...



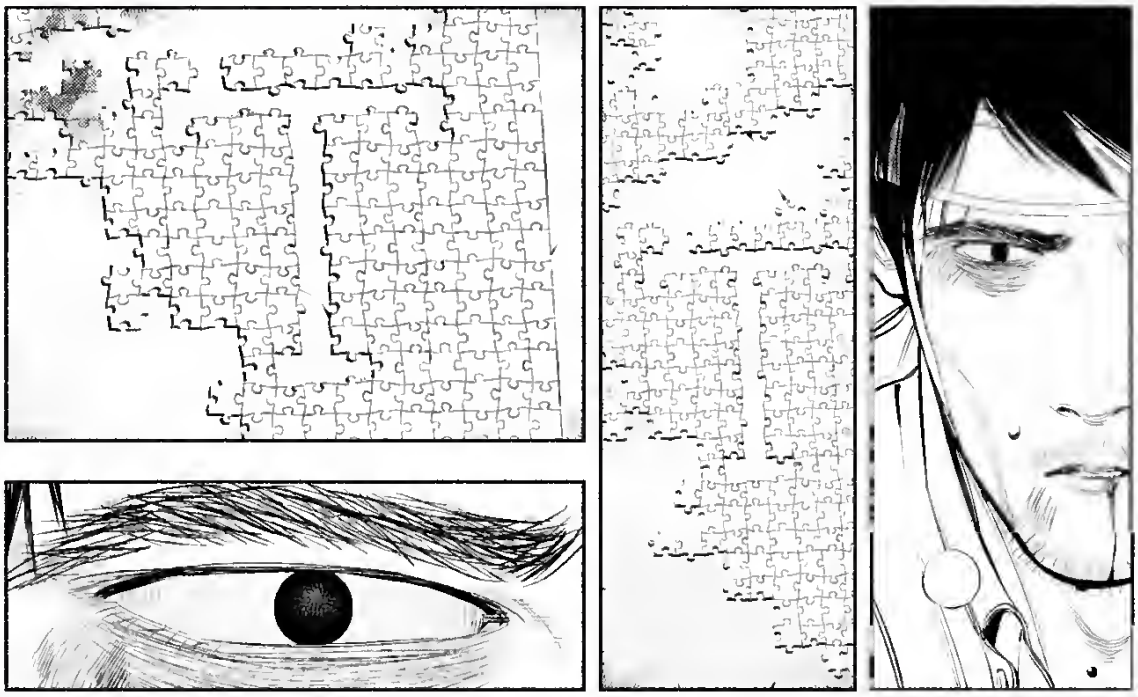




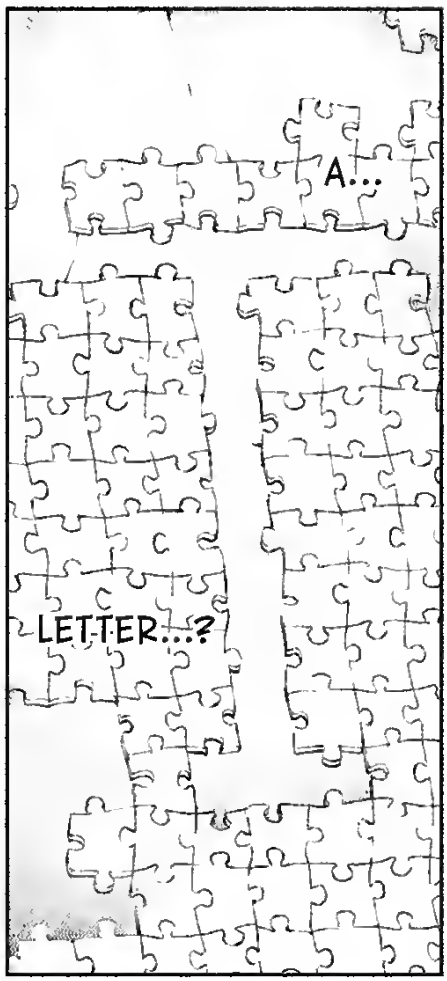
...FOR THE ANSWER TO THE DOOR?

THUD
What the fuck is it?!
THUD
Fuck!
THUD
GRIND
What is it?!
THUD
HUFF
HUFF
DRIP
DRIP
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
DRIP

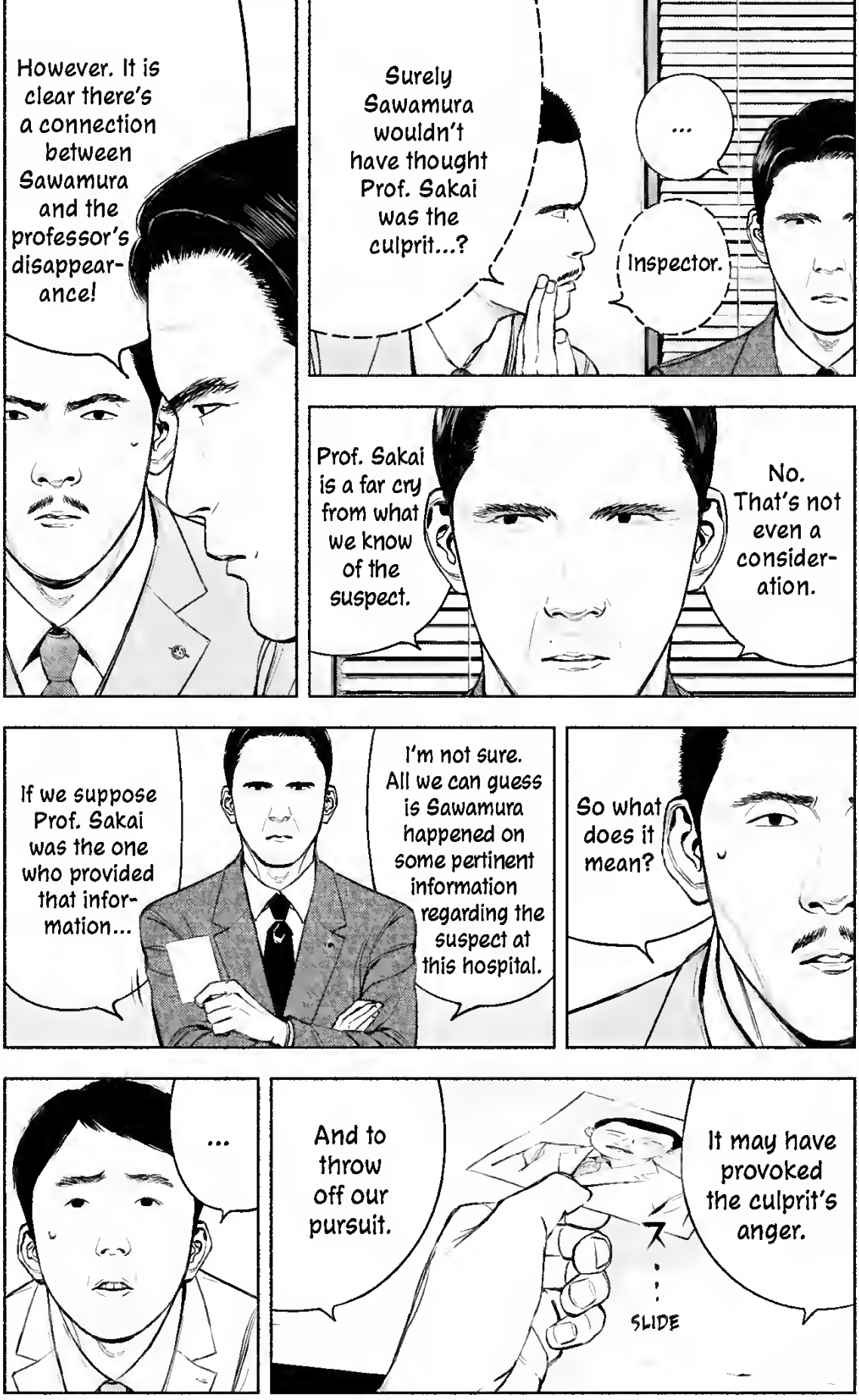
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF



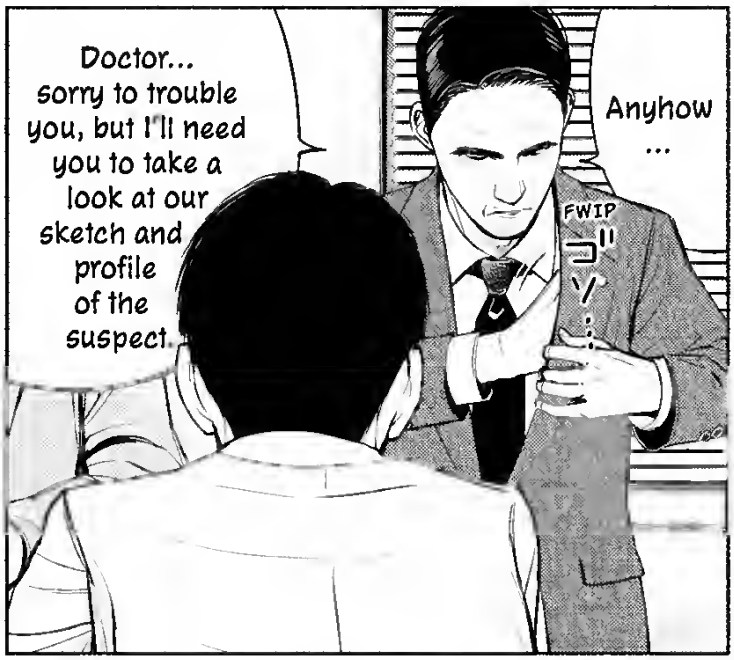
FSSHHHH
東京中
He disappeared?

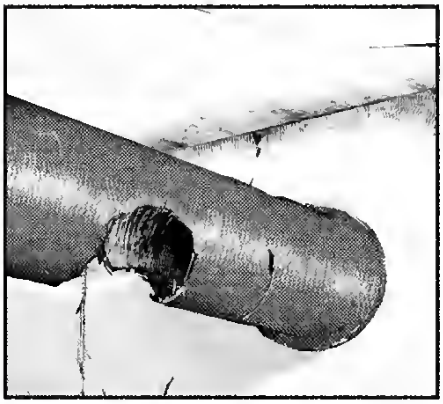

A...
LETTER...?

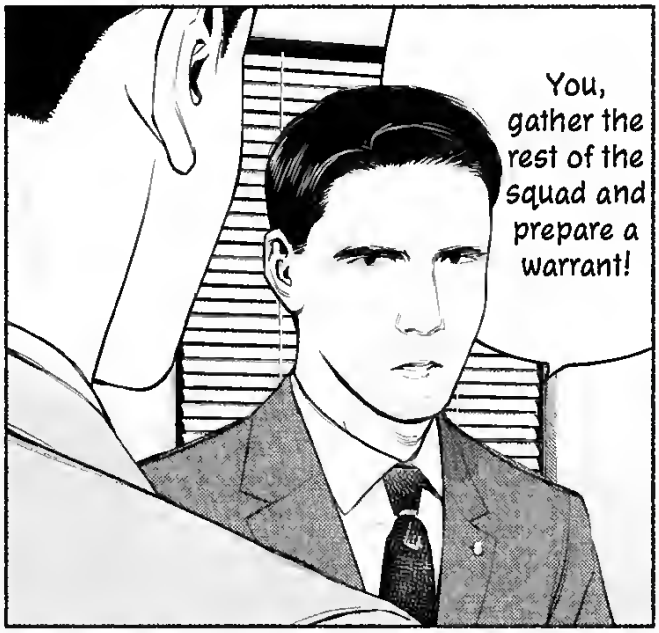
Yes.
Two days ago.
And we have no idea where he may have gone...
In other words...
Yes.
You could say that!
...right after the detective with a scar under his eye visited this hospital?
Professor Sakai went missing...


However. It is clear there's a connection between Sawamura and the professor's disappear-ance!
Surely Sawamura wouldn't have thought Prof. Sakai was the culprit...?
...
Inspector.
Prof. Sakai is a far cry from what we know of the suspect.
No. That's not even a consider-ation.
If we suppose Prof. Sakai was the one who provided that infor-mation...
I'm not sure. All we can guess is Sawamura happened on some pertinent information regarding the suspect at this hospital.
So what does it mean?
...
And to throw off our pursuit.
It may have provoked the culprit's anger.
SLIDE

Would you please pick out anybody who might fit these criteria. Doctors, nurses, patients, or anyone else really.
SLIDE
ス…

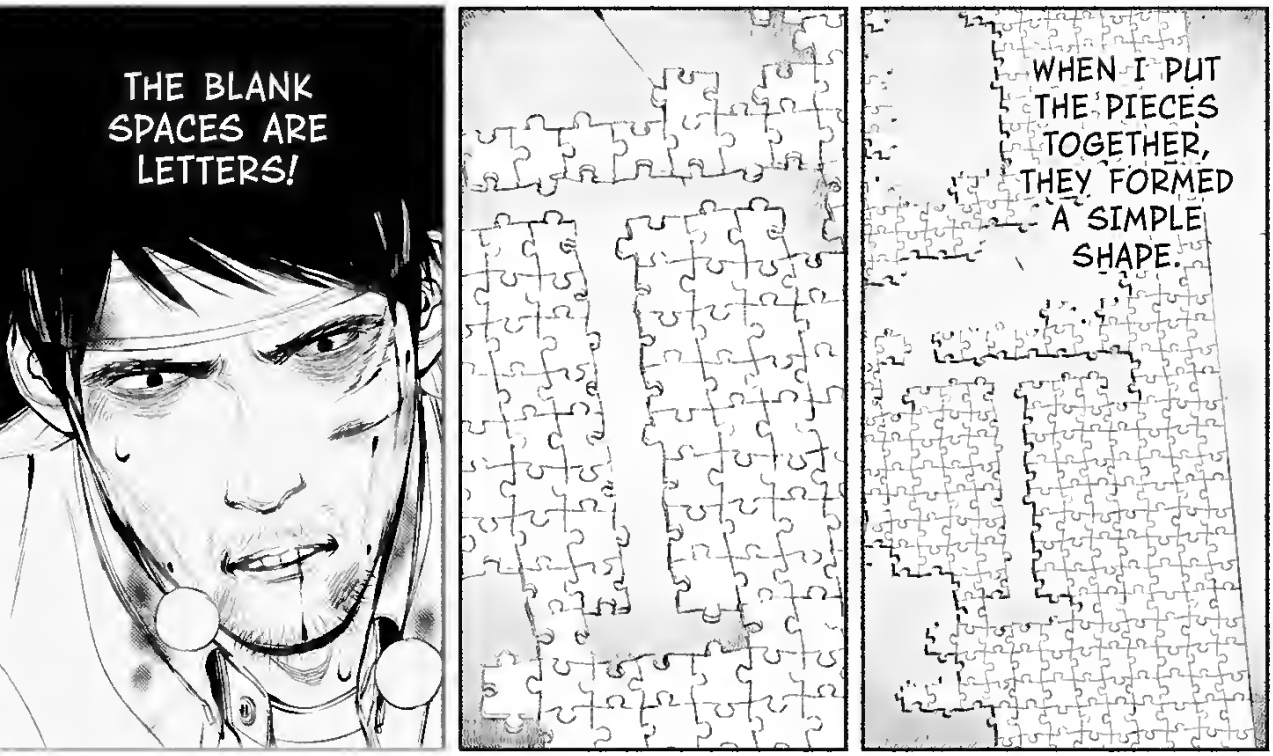

Doctor... sorry to trouble you, but I'll need you to take a look at our sketch and profile of the suspect.
Anyhow ...
FWIP
ゴソ…




You, gather the rest of the squad and prepare a warrant!

Roger!
FSHH
東京中央メディカルセン

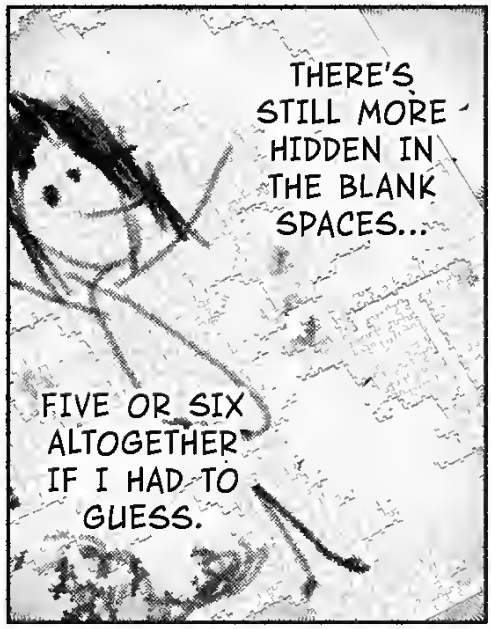
CLICK
カチッ
WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE IT...?

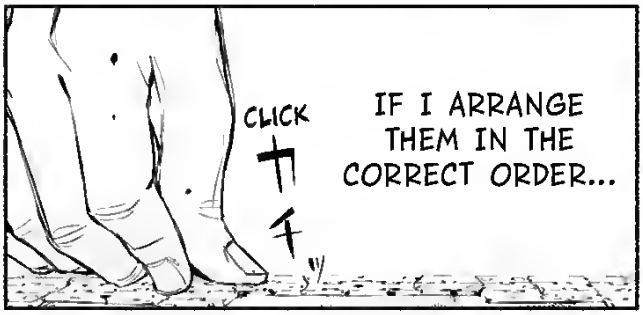

THE BLANK SPACES ARE LETTERS!
WHEN I PUT THE PIECES TOGETHER, THEY FORMED A SIMPLE SHAPE.

パスワードの入力
認証エラー
THE PASSWORD YOU HAVE ENTERED IS INCORRE
BUT "T" IS NOT THE KEY!

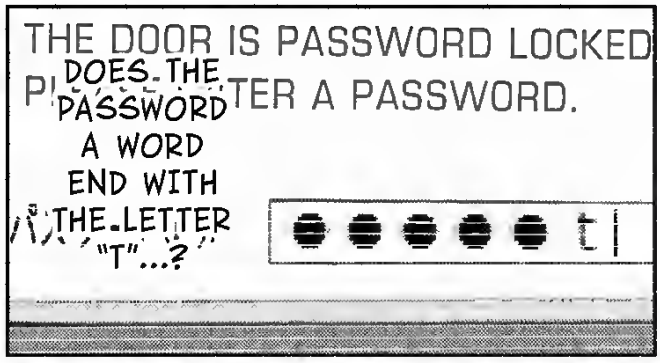
ま
STU

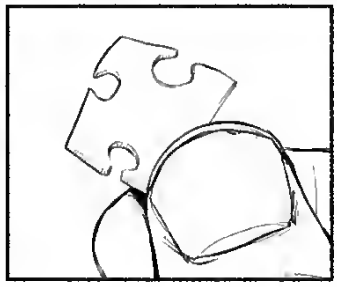
GRAB
THOSE HIDDEN LETTERS MUST SPELL OUT A WORD.

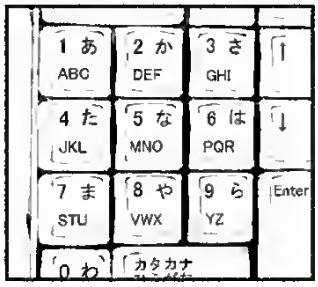

THERE'S STILL MORE HIDDEN IN THE BLANK SPACES...
FIVE OR SIX ALTOGETHER IF I HAD TO GUESS.


CLICK
IF I ARRANGE THEM IN THE CORRECT ORDER...

WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S RIGHT HERE!

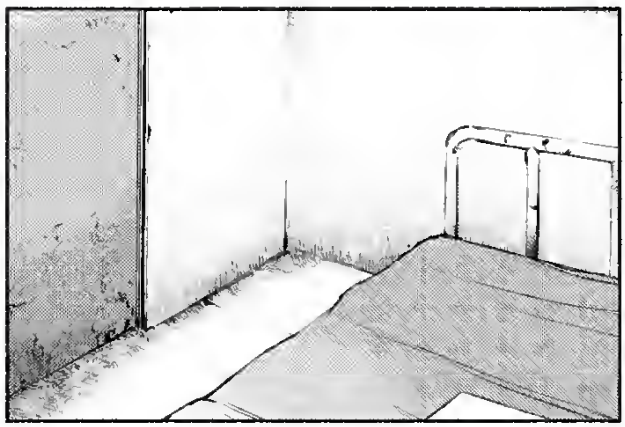

THE DOOR IS PASSWORD LOCKED
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD.
DOES THE PASSWORD END WITH THE LETTER "T"...?
t

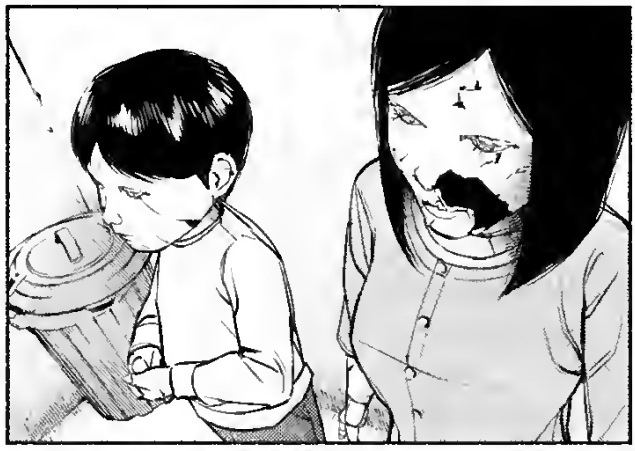



1 あ ABC
2 か DEF
3 さ GHI
4 た JKL
5 な MNO
6 は PQR
7 ま STU
8 や VWX
9 ら YZ
Enter
0 わ
カタカナ

Finish the puzzle.
Right now that's all I should be focusing on...!

RUMBLE
ゴロゴロ





It sure doesn't...
This awful weather just doesn't let up.
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RUMBLE
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TINK
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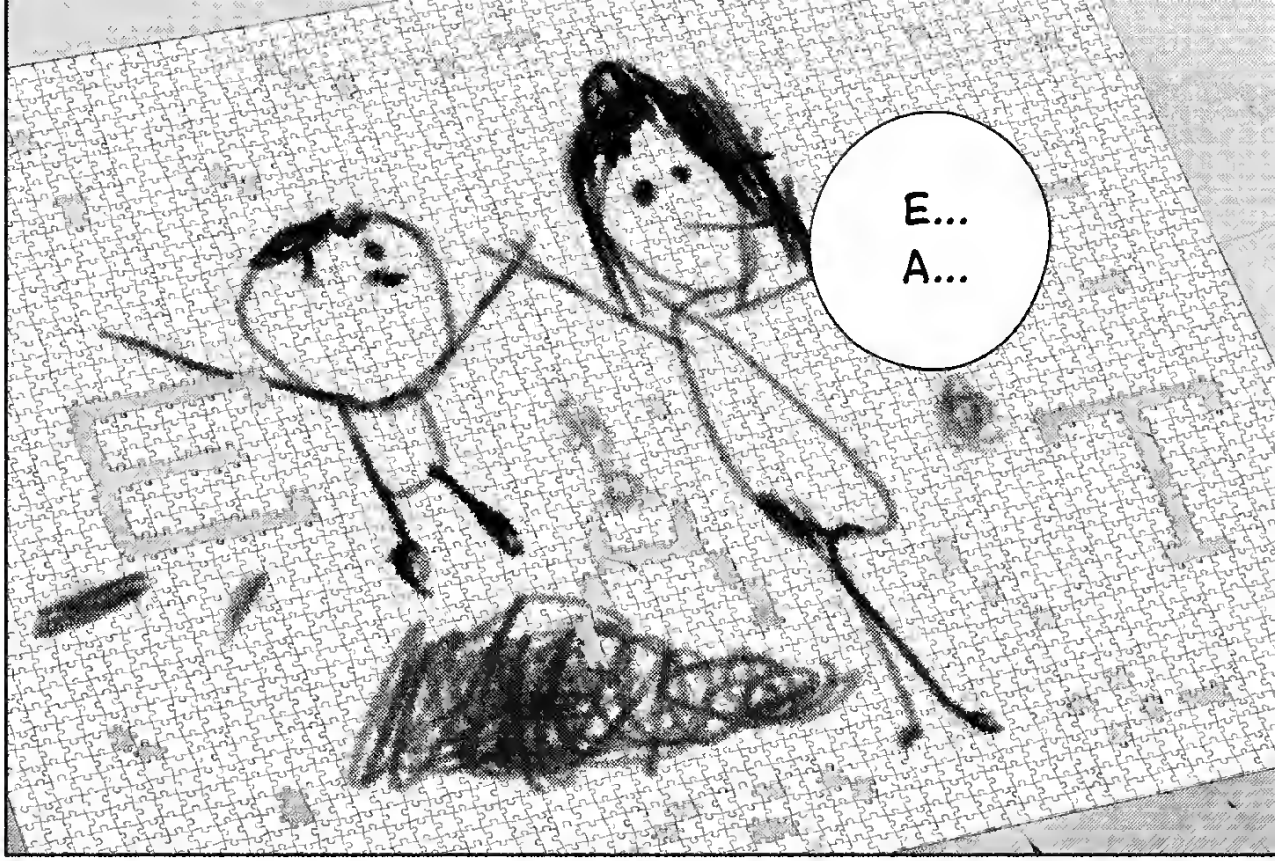
TINK:



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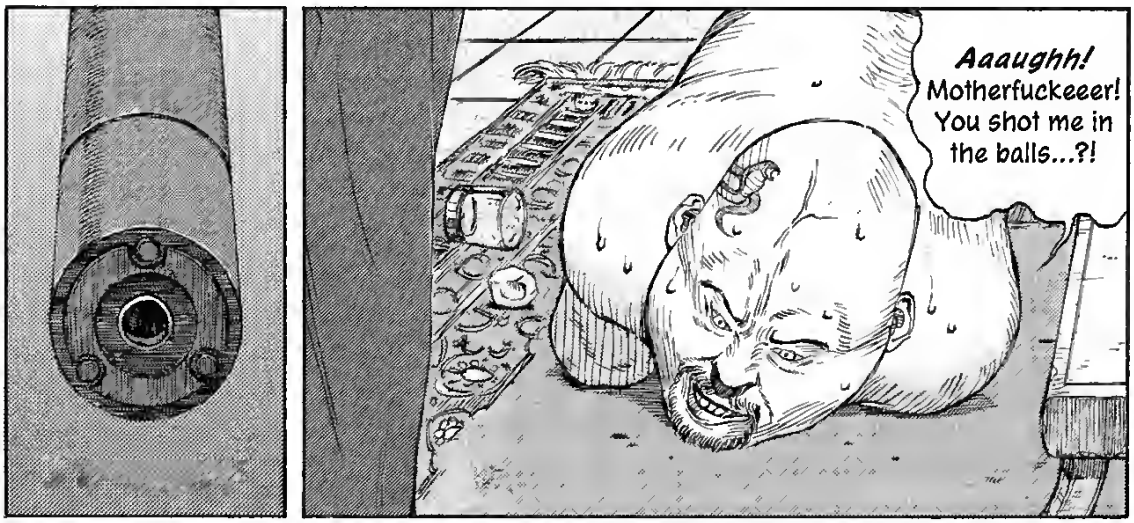
GIRL AND KILLER

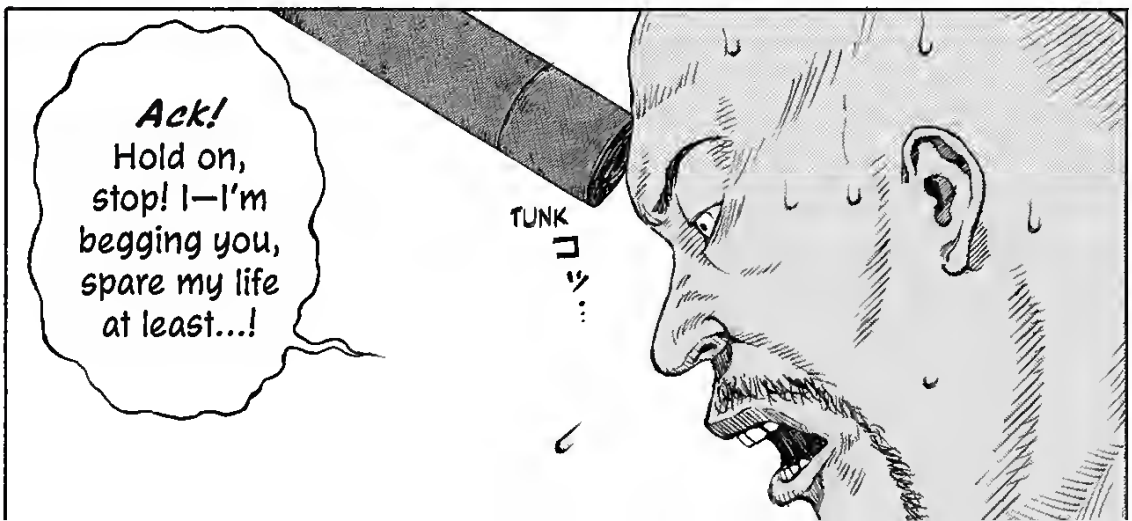
PRESENTED BY 巴亮介

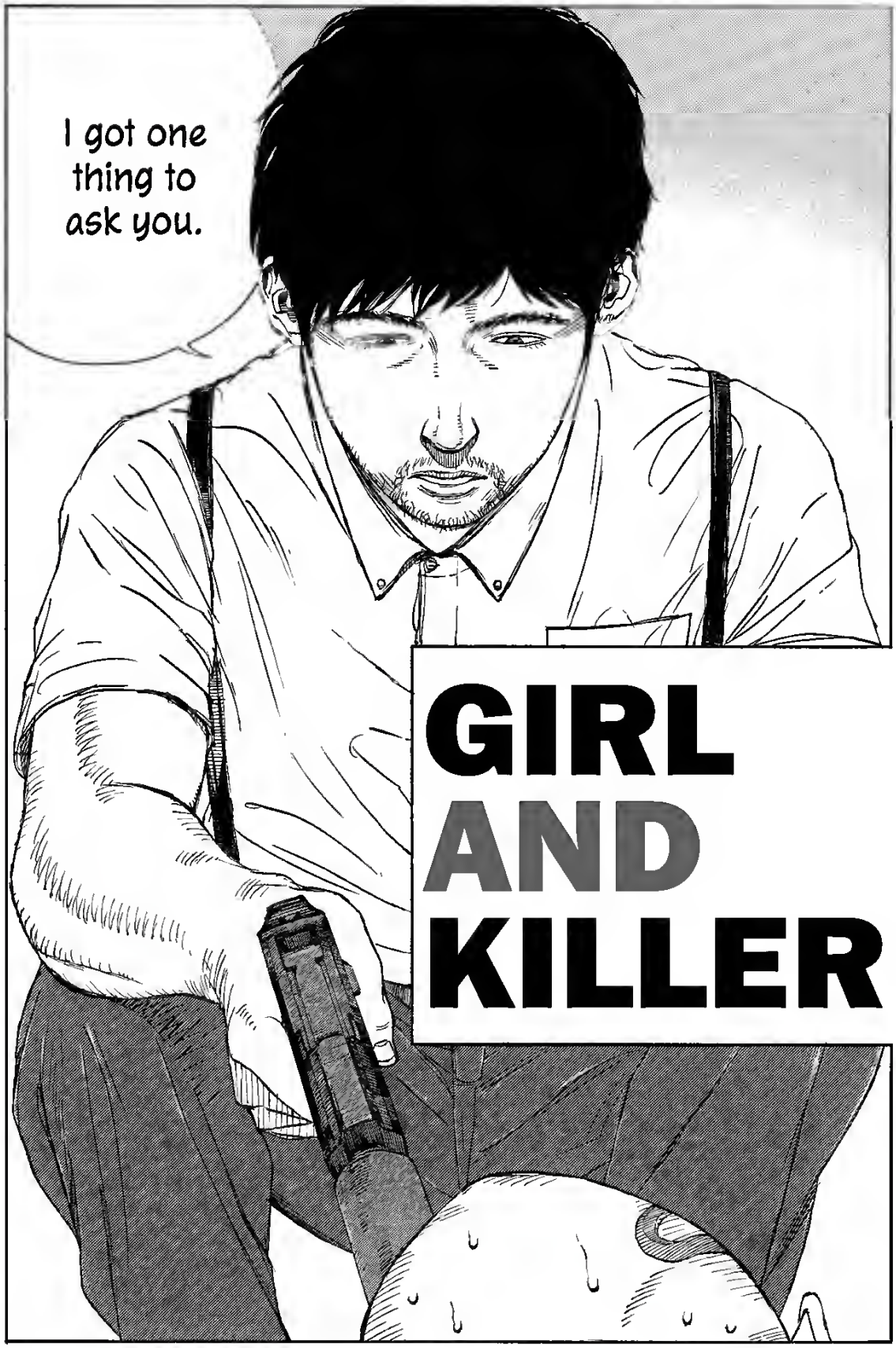
◆ Tetsuya Chiba-sensei's Commentary

The way he draws people is unique. The backgrounds, the pacing of panels, and the trick of using the same scene twice to show what happens before and after is splendid. He's a writer with the capacity to get you to read his work in one sitting. In the final scene, when the protagonist restores the "Girl's" hope by reminding her for her name, seeing him break away from his previously listless expression was cool in itself.

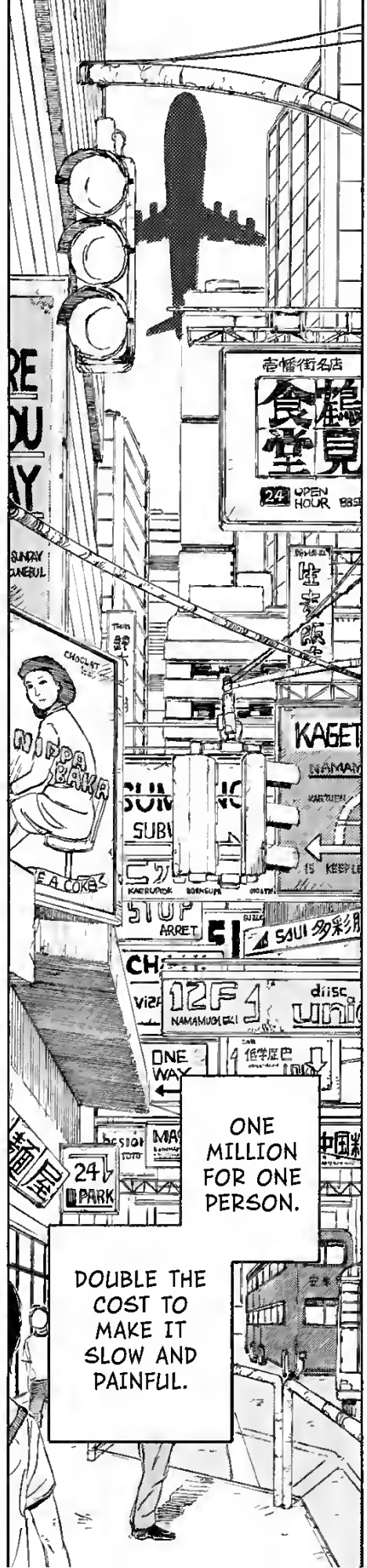
BANG
ARGH!


Aaaughh! Motherfuckeeer! You shot me in the balls...?!


Ack! Hold on, stop! I—I'm begging you, spare my life at least...!
TUNK

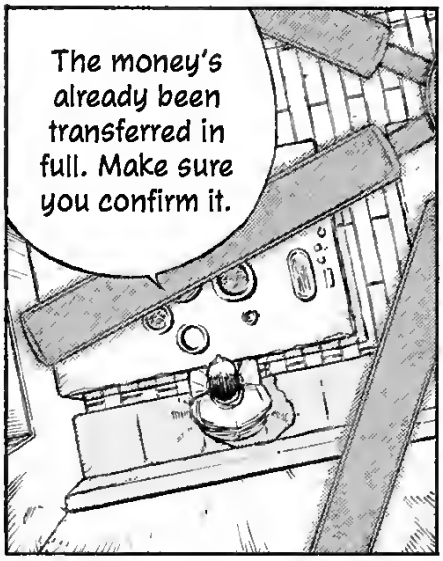

I got one thing to ask you.
GIRL AND KILLER

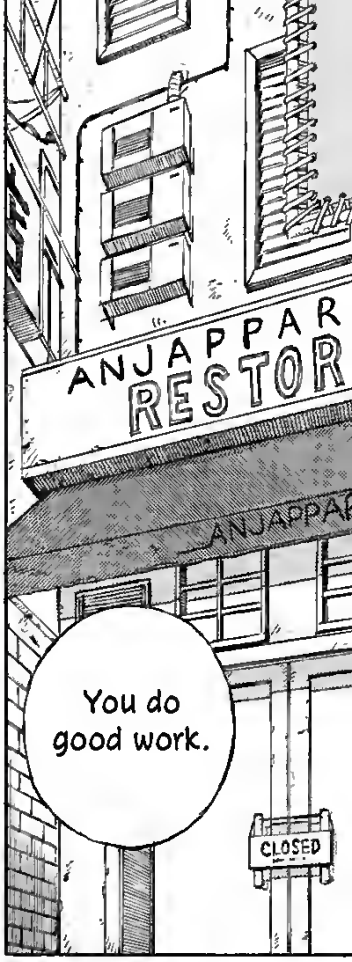
RULE OF THUMB, I DON'T GET INVOLVED.
GOOD PEOPLE. BAD PEOPLE.
COULD BE A LOVER. COULD BE FAMILY.
CALMLY... SWIFTLY...
...AND SURELY.
FWUP
I TAKE A LIFE.


ONE MILLION FOR ONE PERSON.
DOUBLE THE COST TO MAKE IT SLOW AND PAINFUL.

Sure.

CLOSED
please call Again...


The money's already been transferred in full. Make sure you confirm it.


ANJAPPAR
RESTOR
ANJAPPAR
You do good work.
CLOSED

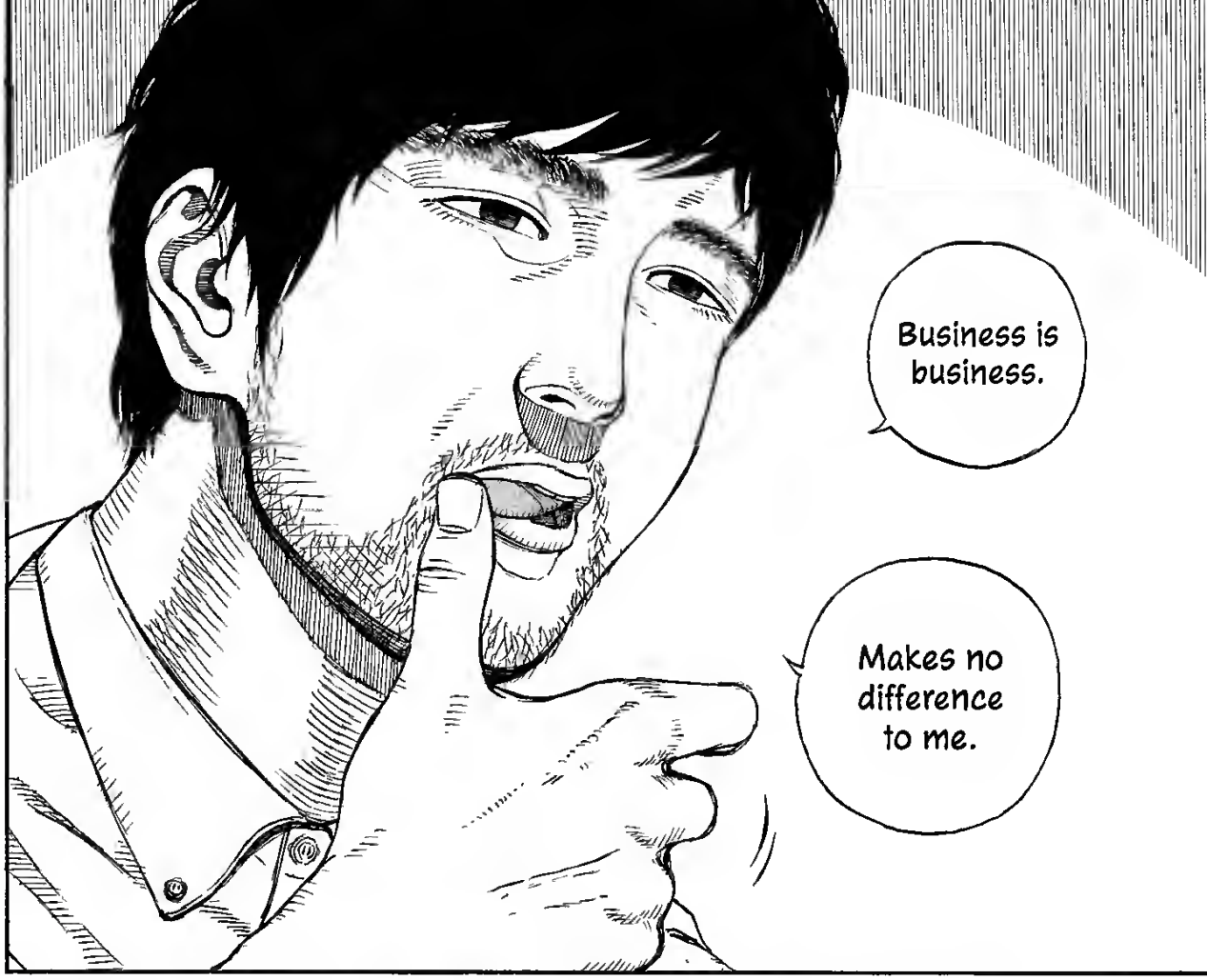
...
So...if you're interested, let me know. A guy like you is welcome anytime.

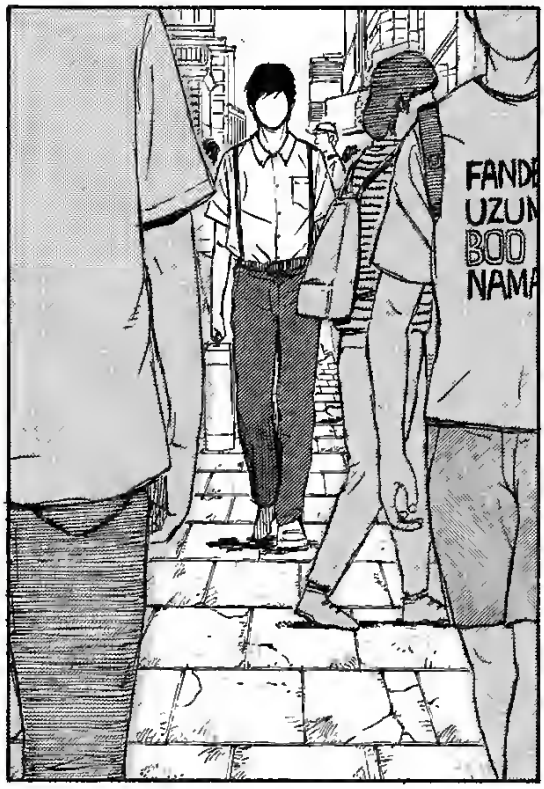
The boss has been raving about the way you work.
Even said he'd pay you triple what you're pulling now if you worked for us exclusively... Doesn't sound too bad, does it?

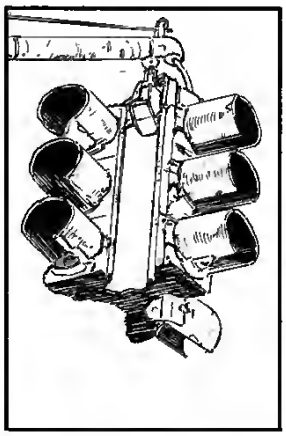
GULP
ゴクッ

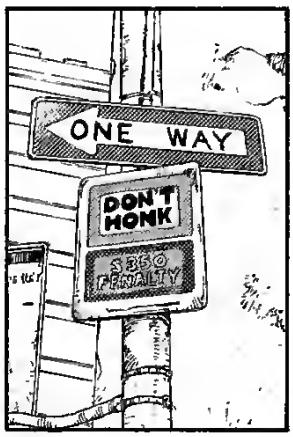
MUNCH
チャワ
MUNCH
チャワ

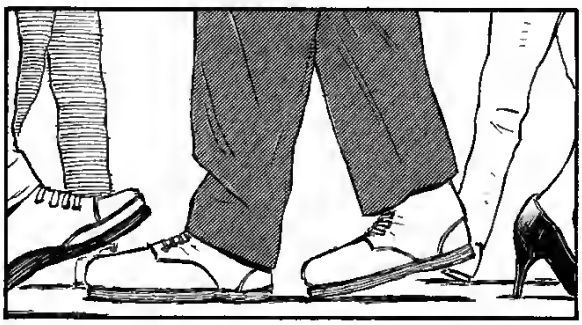
For what they call the worst economic recession of the century, the commissions just keep coming huh?
Hah. Yeah, I'm pretty swamped.
SLIDE
And there's this.
SRIK
SRIK
Sorry for giving you jobs back to back, but you'll say yes, right?
CHUG
CHUG CHUG
CLINK
BELCH
The target is a member of the Diet...this man. He's planning an address today at 2 PM, at the Chuo Park in Old Yokohama fifth Ward.
There's a cluster of abandoned buildings about a kilometer from the park with a sweeping view of the area. Our group owns them, so feel free to use one.


Business is business.
Makes no difference to me.


FANDE
UZUN
BOO
NAMA




ONE WAY
DON'T HONK
$350 PENALTY



MUSIC
HSCB
MAMMA MIA!!
SUB WAY

THE SMASH HIT M
CLANG
CLANG

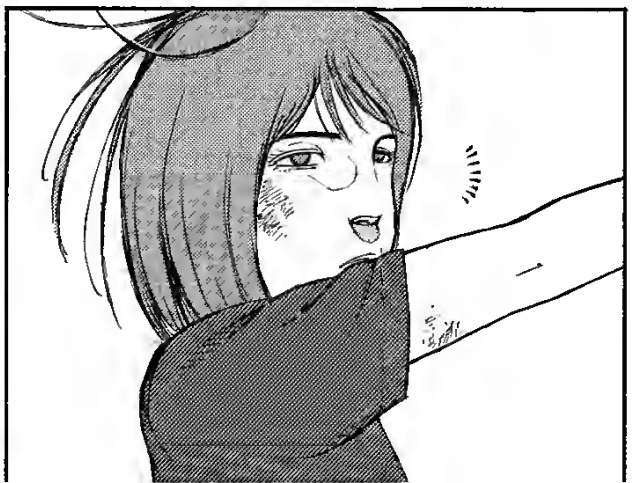
CLANG

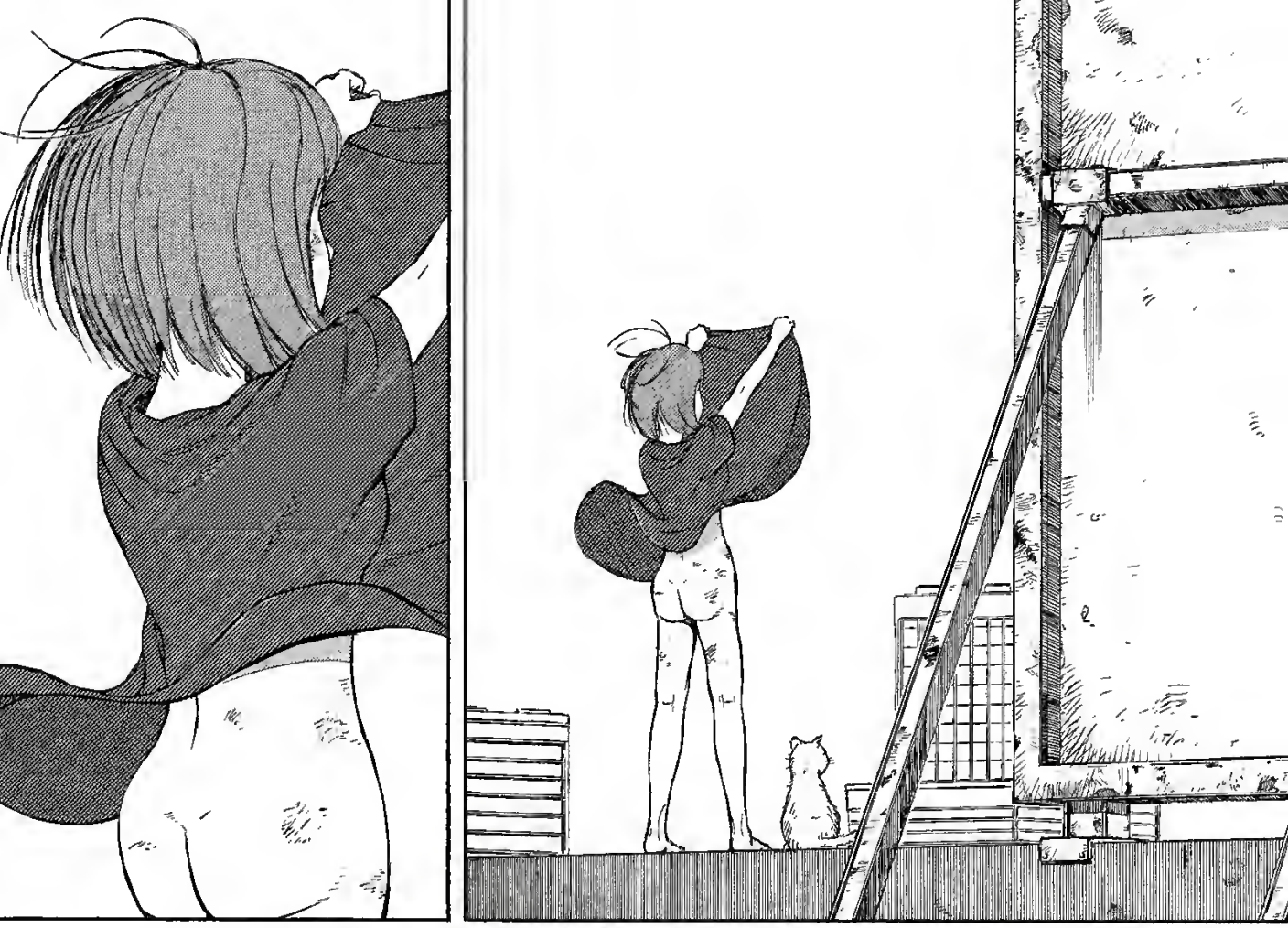
CLANG
CLANG

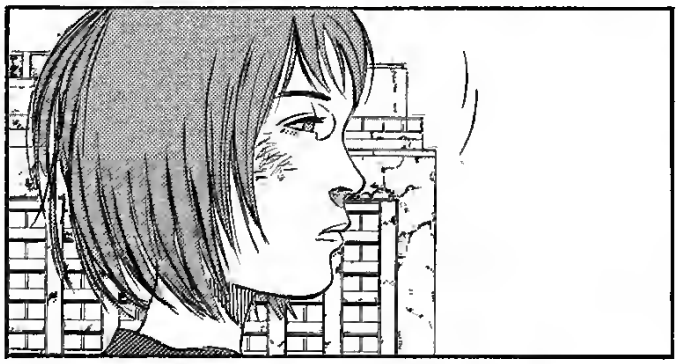
KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT

I'm airing out my crotch.
... That's what I wanna ask.
The hell are you doing?

The hell are you doing?







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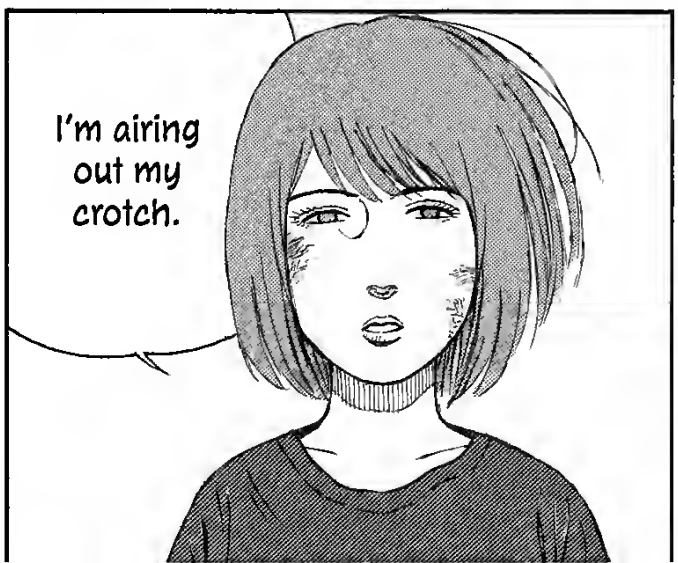
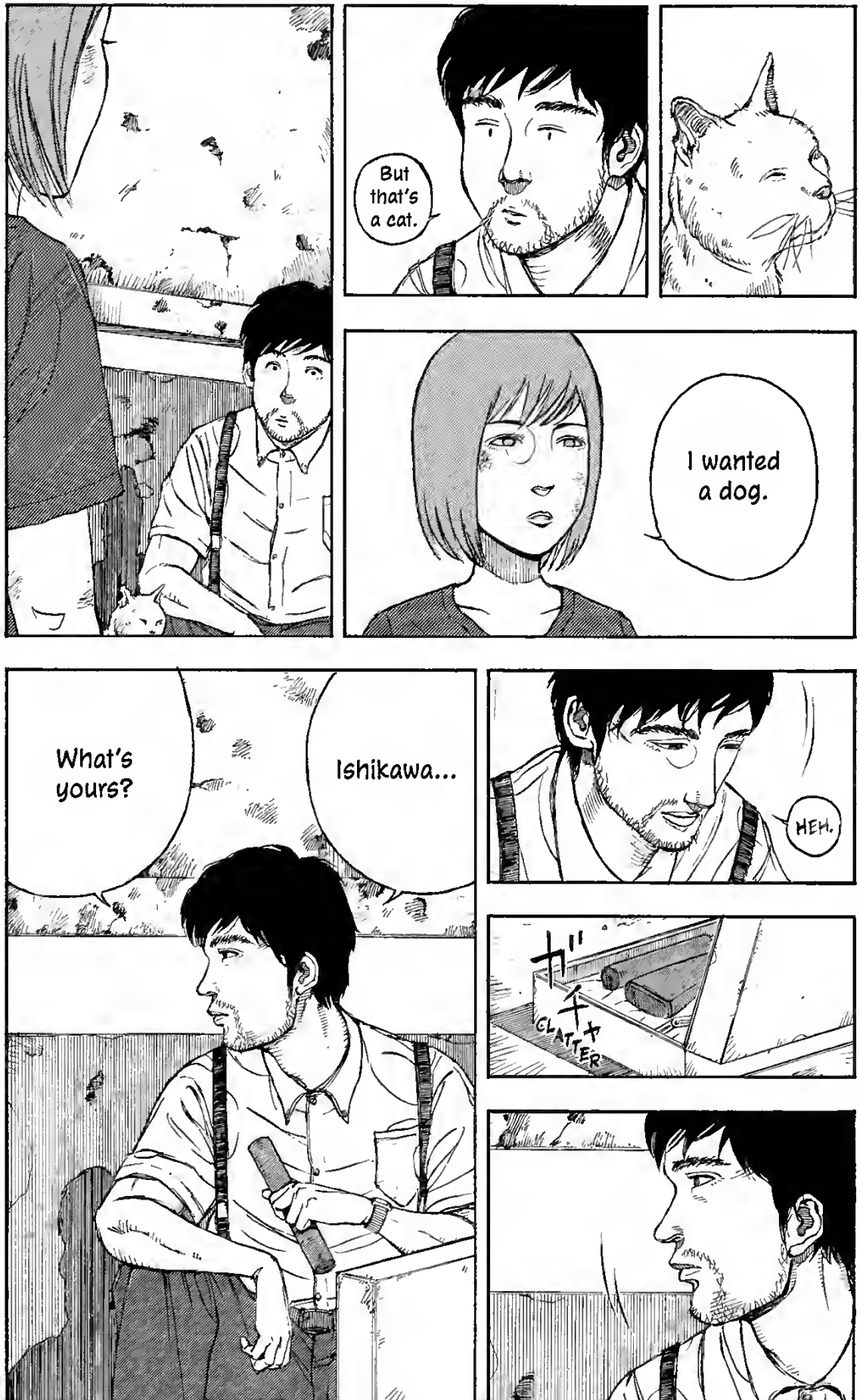

I'm airing out my crotch.

I've got work to do here. Be a good girl and run along home.
...
YAWN
ﾏｱｱ...
スタッ
TUMP
The hell are you doing?

You waiting for something?
Better for you if you don't know.
That's my friend... I call it Dog.
You got a name?
Nothing good comes of hanging around me.
I told you to leave.
Meow.


But that's a cat.
I wanted a dog.
What's yours?
Ishikawa...
HEH.
GLATTER

I'm...
...
Me?
Girl.

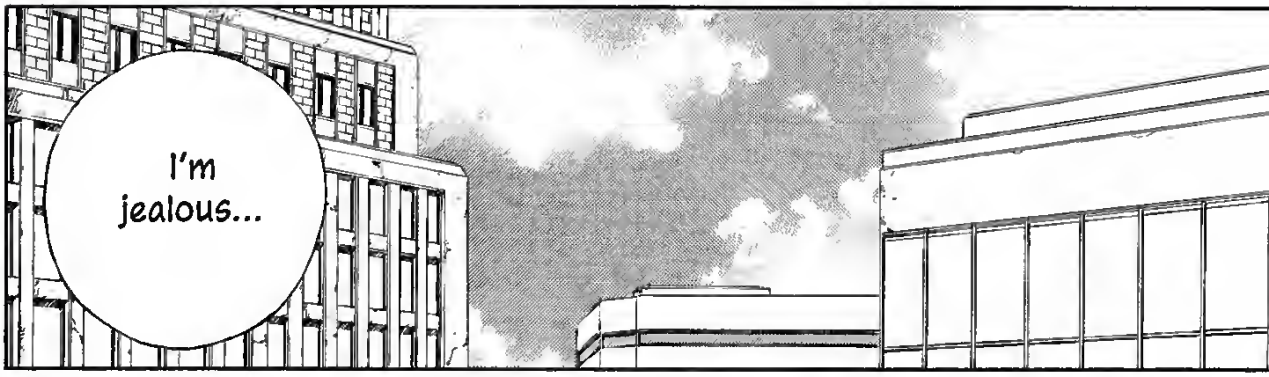
Girl...?

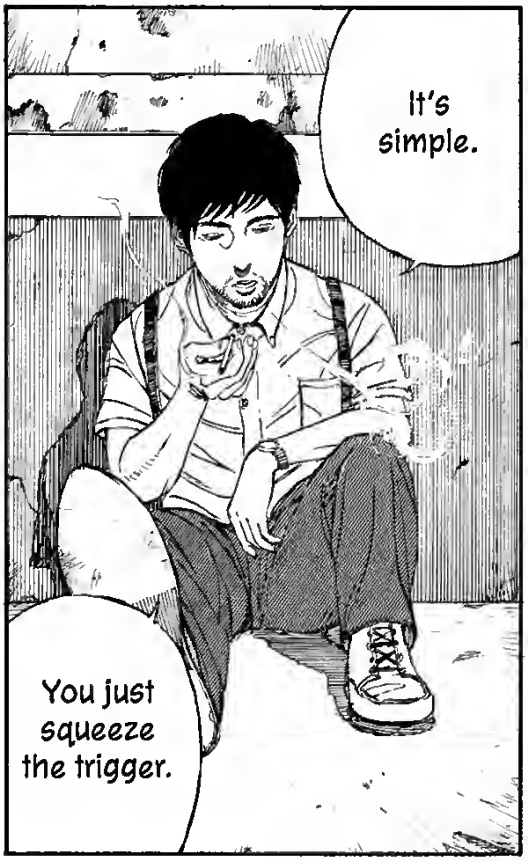
...

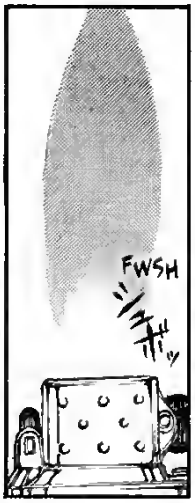
That's what I call myself...
I lost my name.

Hah. That a fact...?
GLACK

ゴト…
PLUNK
Yep.
What's that?
ガチャ
CLICK
Do you... kill people with that?
ガチャ
CLICK
NEW
WING STUPID
That's my job.


I'm jealous...

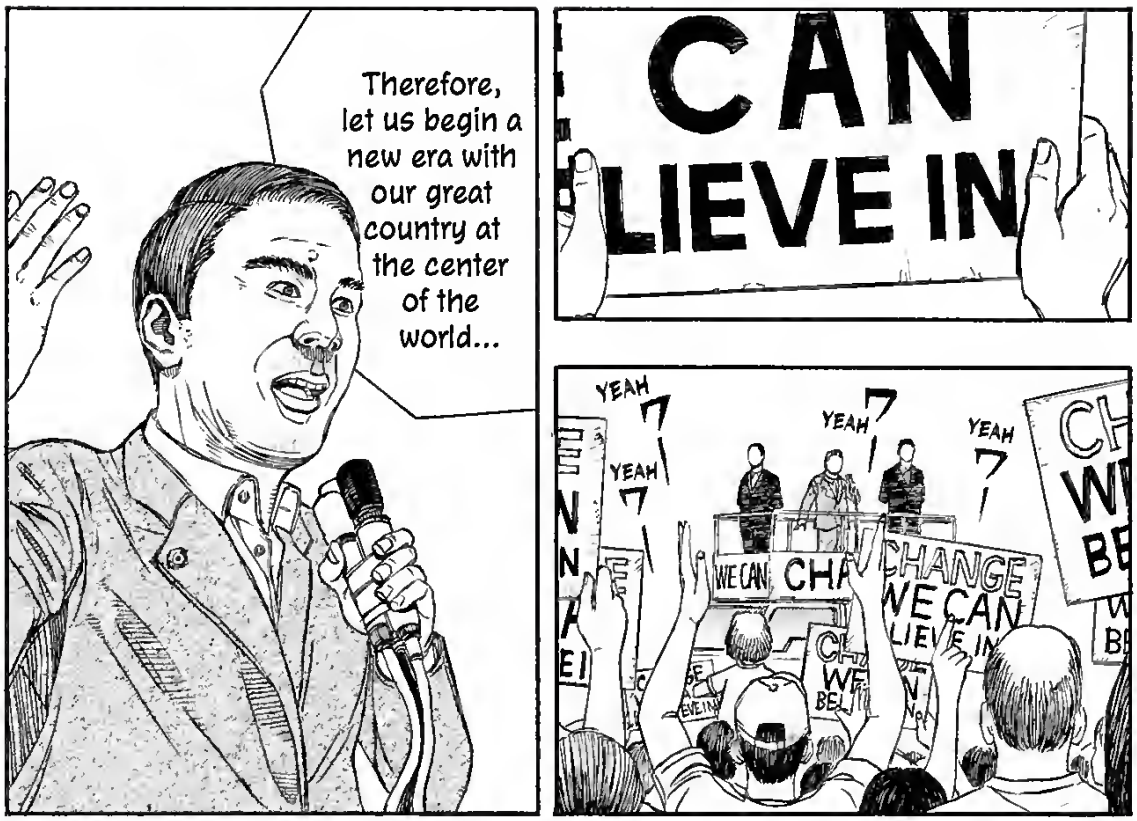

It's simple.
You just squeeze the trigger.


FWSH

I can't kill people.

Therefore... I cannot kill people.
I am restricted by my programming.

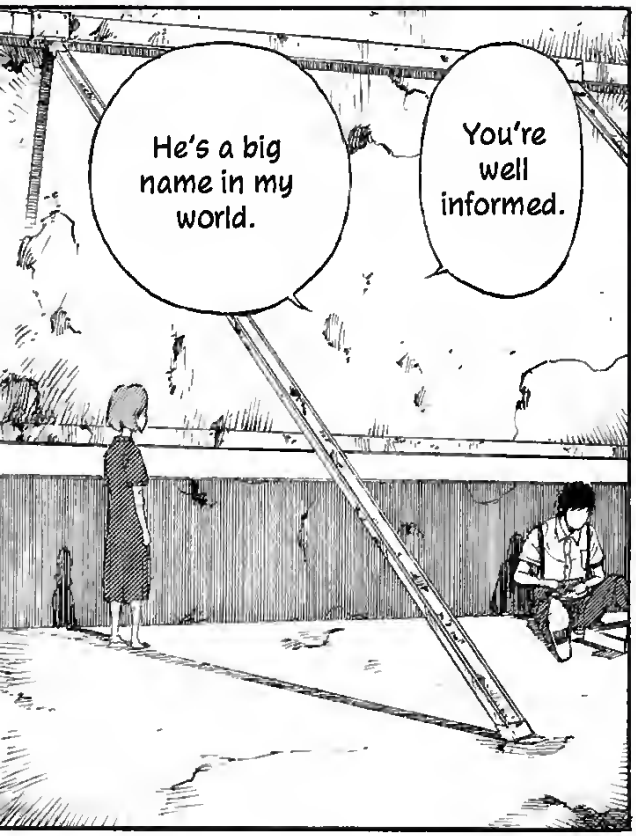
I am roughly 30% machine. The rest is human.
You... are you an android?
Was it an accident?
The man who bought me made adjustments to my brain and genitals *for further enjoyment.*
A hobby.
Hobby?

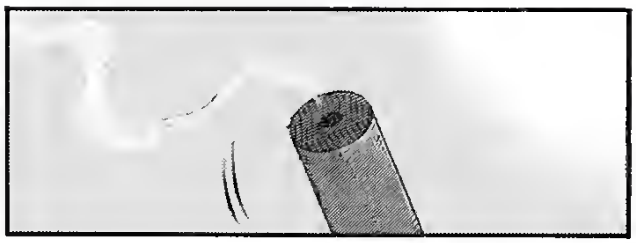

Therefore, let us begin a new era with our great country at the center of the world...
CAN
LIEVE IN
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
WE CAN
CHANGE
WE CAN

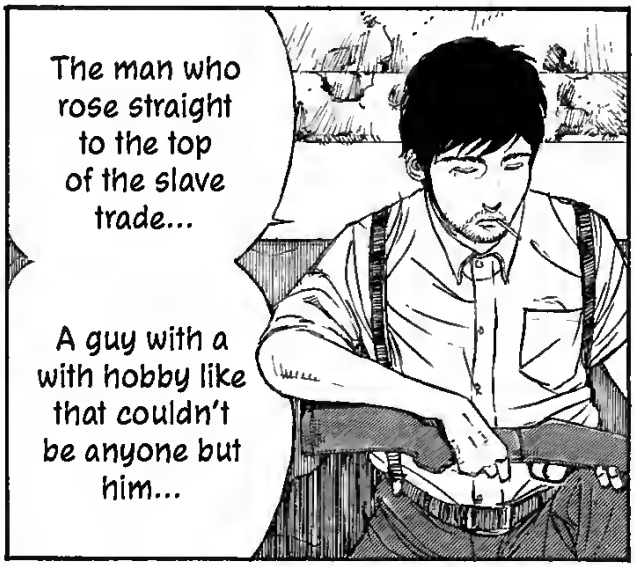
The *Slavemaster.* Joey Kee...

SWIVLE
ゴト…
!
I'm right, aren't I?
He tweaks the brain to produce obedience.
CHANGE
CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN
To sate his lust and desire for power.

CHANGE
Ack-!
KA-
POW

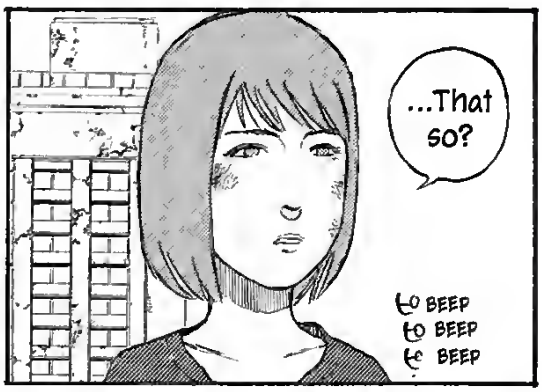

He's a big name in my world.
You're well informed.

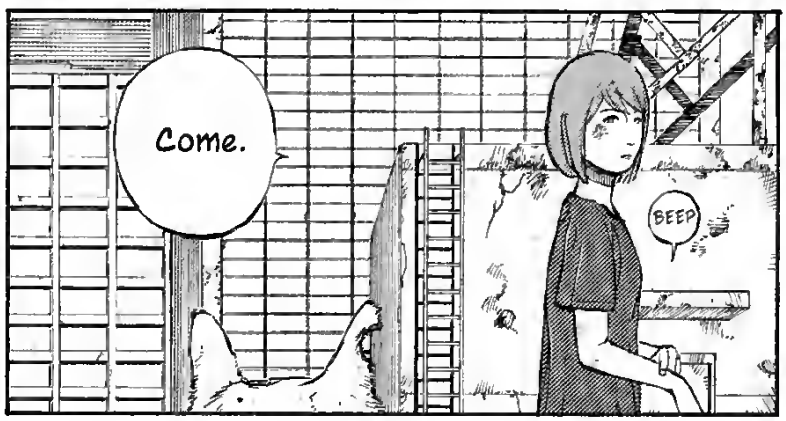



The man who rose straight to the top of the slave trade...
A guy with a with hobby like that couldn't be anyone but him...

You leaving?
Yeah. If I'm late, he beats me.

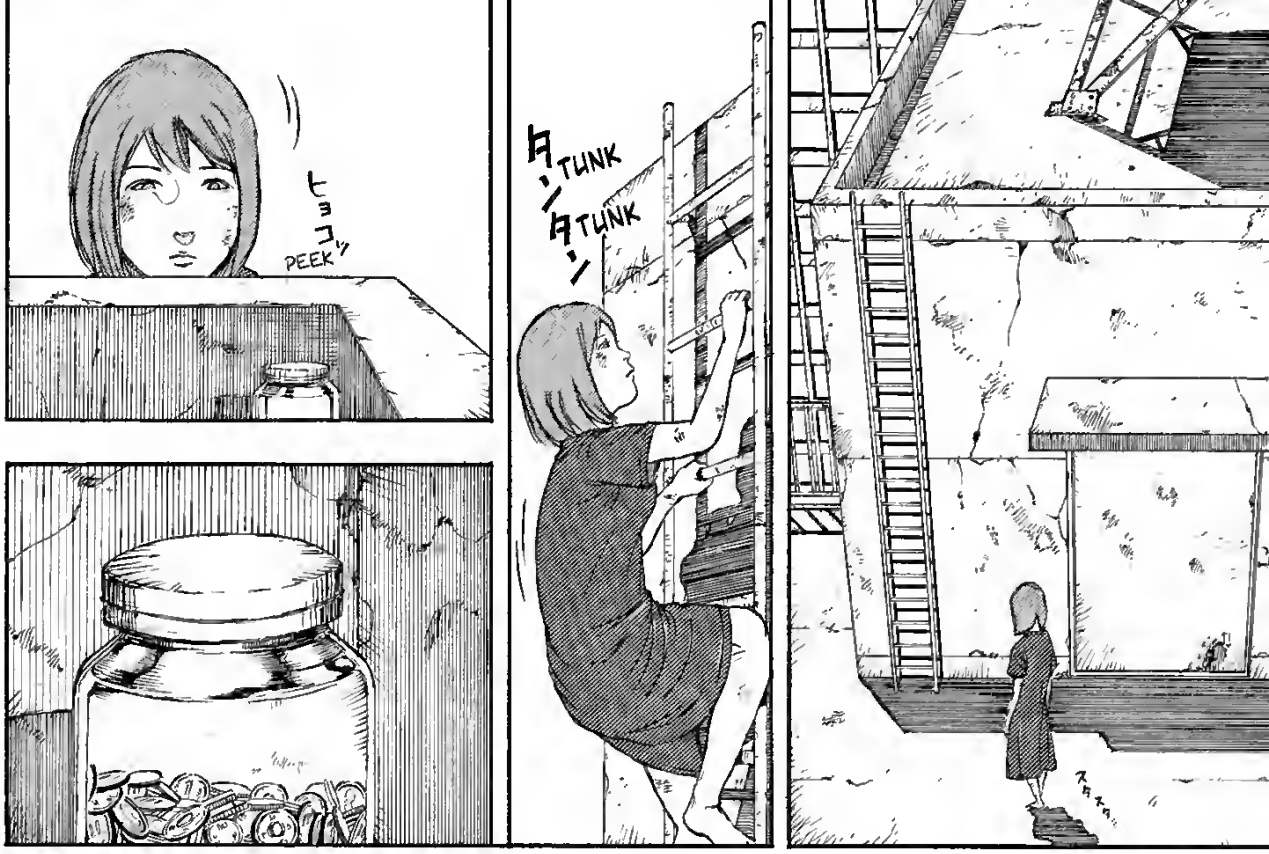
BEEP BEEP BEEP
ピピピ...

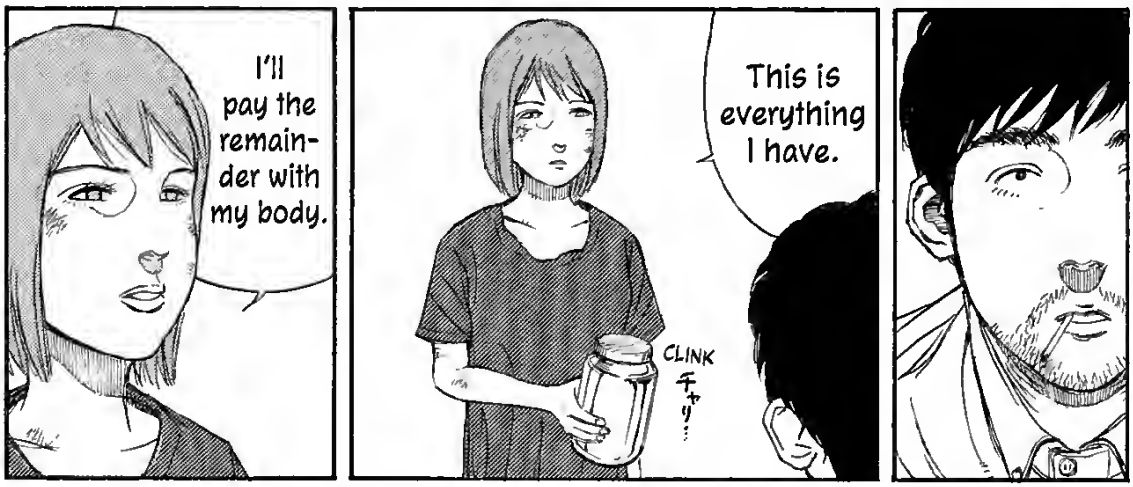

...That so?
ピ BEEP
ピ BEEP
ピ BEEP


Come.
BEEP

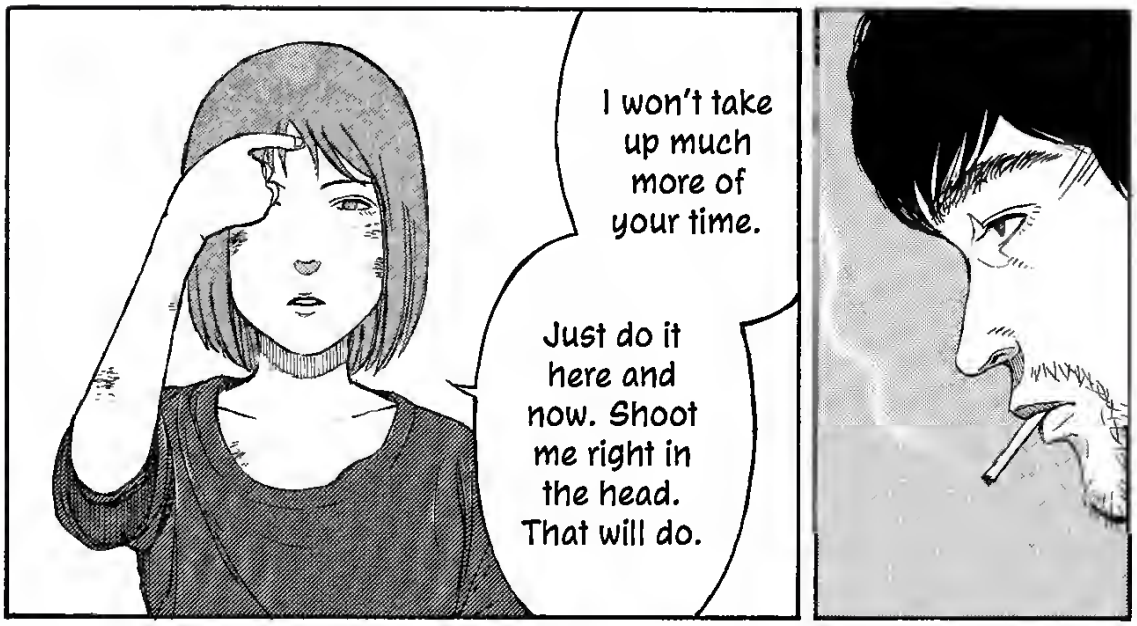
I see... Well, take care.
HALT
TRUDGE
TRUDGE
How much do I need?

How much for one person?
More than a kid can pay with her allowance.

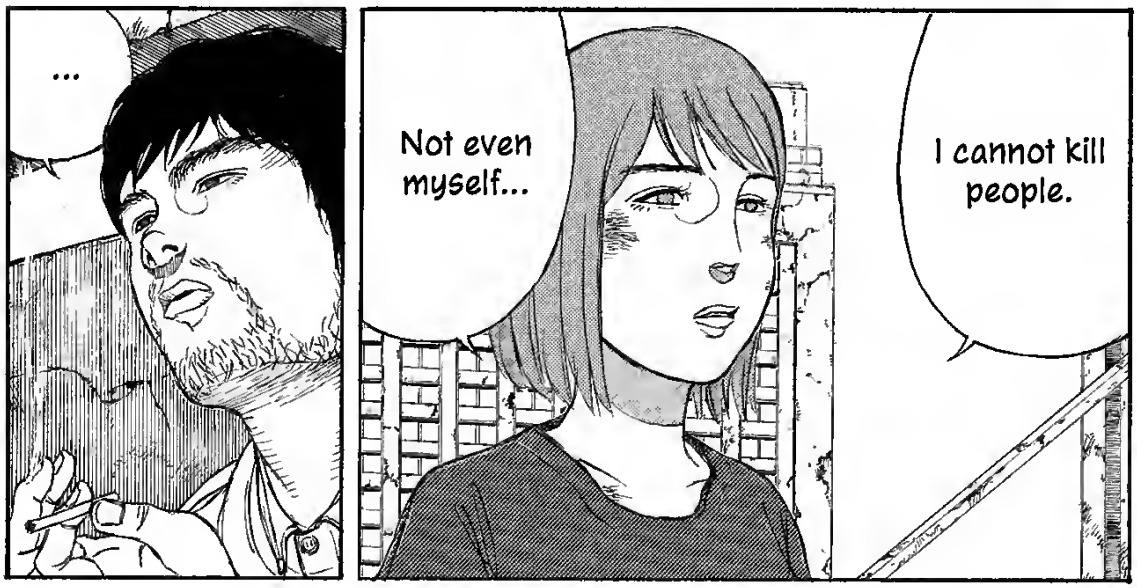

ヒョコッ
PEEK
タンタン
TUNK TUNK
スタスタ


I'll pay the remainder with my body.
This is everything I have.
CLINK
チャリ…

It's me.
For that guy?
Quit joking around.


I won't take up much more of your time.
Just do it here and now. Shoot me right in the head. That will do.

You telling me to kill you...?


...
Not even myself...
I cannot kill people.

MY PARENTS DIED WHEN I WAS YOUNG.
HAVING NO RELATIVES, I WAS AUCTIONED OFF.
They say everyone is alive for a reason.
UNABLE TO FIGHT BACK, AND UNABLE TO DIE. RAPED AND BEATEN DAY AFTER DAY.
I WAS BOUGHT. SHORTLY AFTER I WAS RECONFIGURED.
AT ONE POINT I CAME TO REALIZE...
I HAD EVEN FORGOTTEN HOW TO SMILE. HOW TO CRY.
AND STRIPPED OF MY FREE WILL.

Lately I've been thinking...
That maybe I've been a machine all along.
Today was the same as yesterday.
Tomorrow will be the same as today.

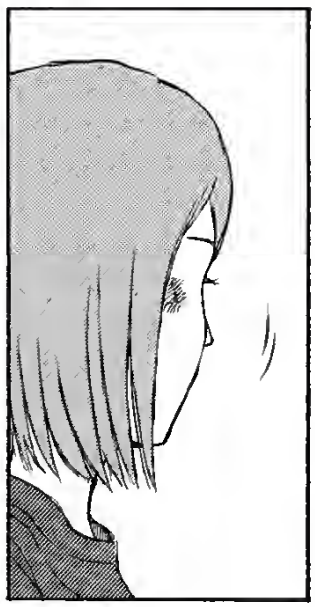
My life has no meaning to be found.
I've had enough.
Please end it.
CRUMBLE
My life...

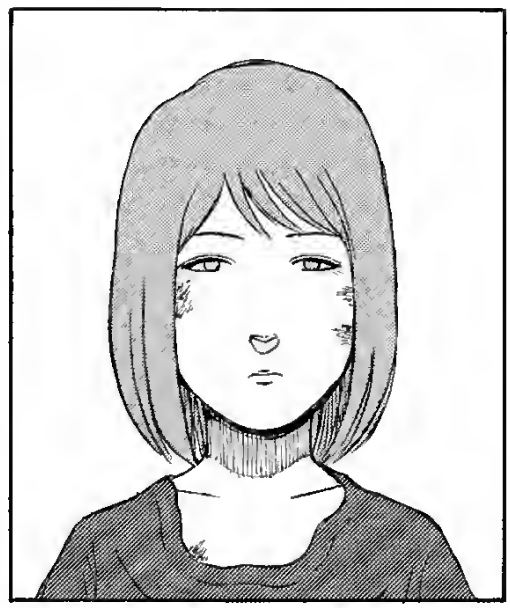
I've had enough.
Please end it.
CRUMBLE
My life...

My life has
no meaning
to be found.

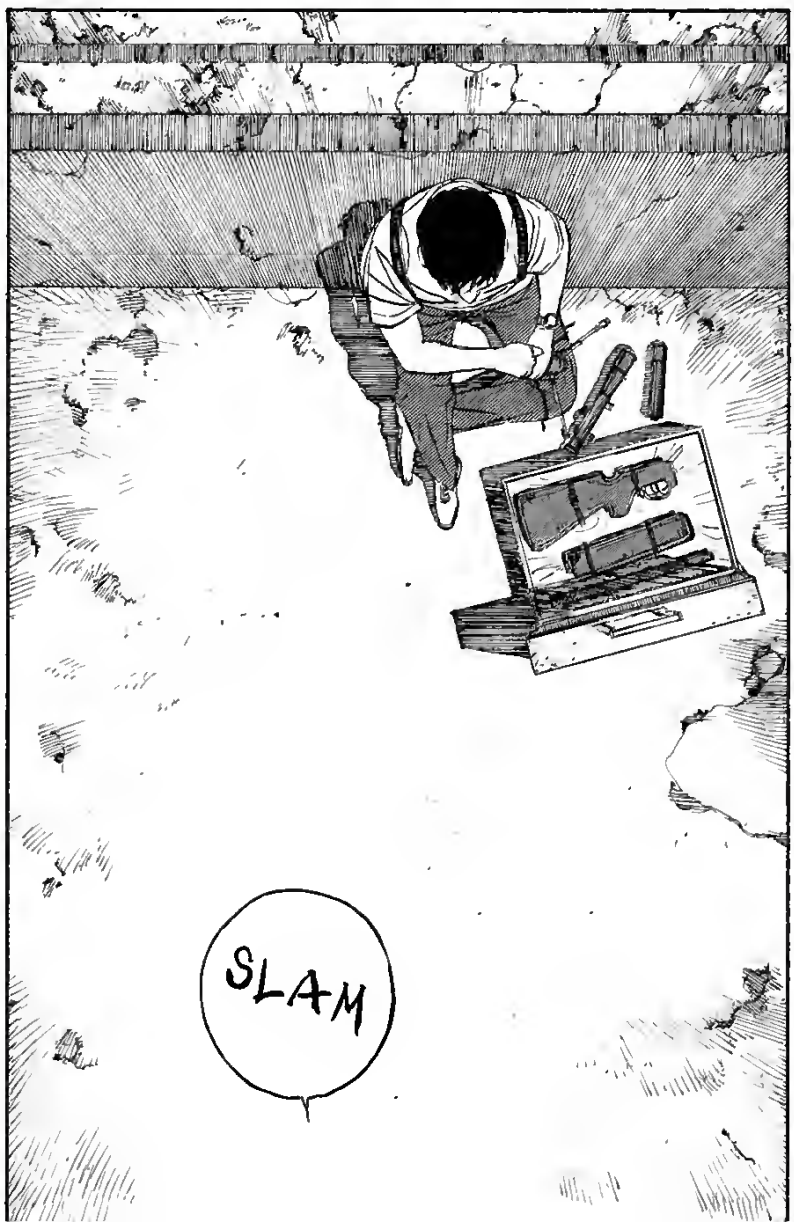
Unfortunately...
As a rule I don't kill women or children.

That's a shame.



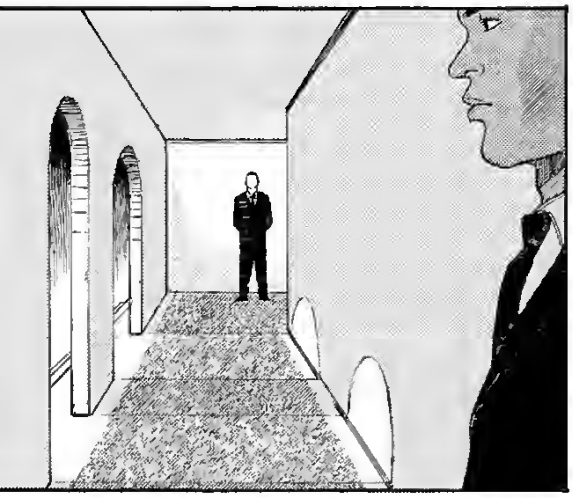


MASSAGE
中國足療
TEL
16F
5F
HOTEL
祝圭太横浜帰還


SLAM

Man, you're as cold as ever.
What do you want?
Quit wasting my time.
I EXPECTED NOTHING LESS.
LEAVIN' IT TO YOU WAS THE RIGHT IDEA!
EVERY TIME YOU CHANGE THE CHANNEL, HAHAHA! THE SNIPER CASE IS ALL THEY CAN TALK ABOUT!
What was it... Actually, the boss is plannin' on showing his face here tonight.
He wants to take this opportunity to meet you if he can.

No.
Is that all you have to say?
I refuse.
What the hell? Aren't you being cold? If you meet face to face, you never know what kind of offer will land in your lap, you know?
Unless you got another job lined up?



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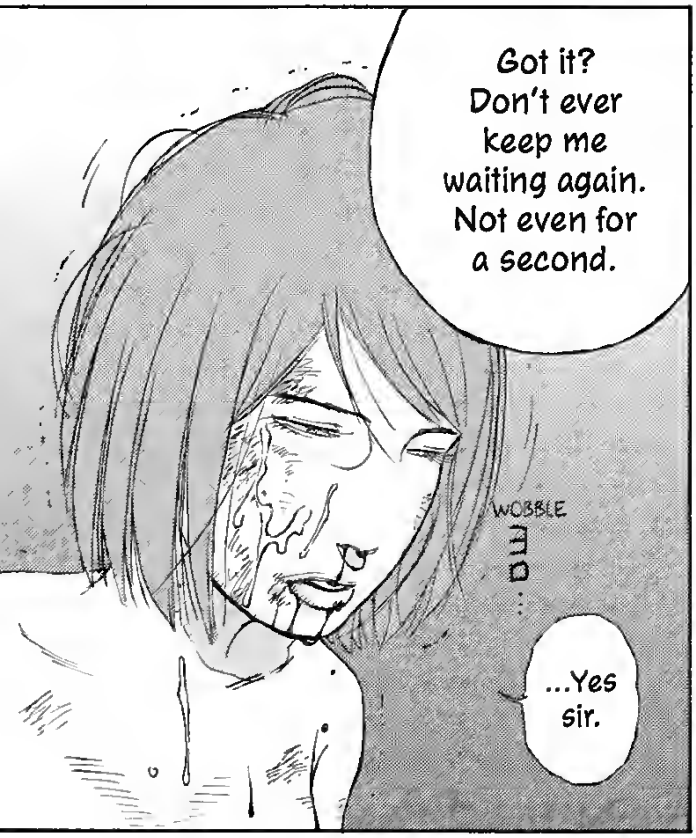
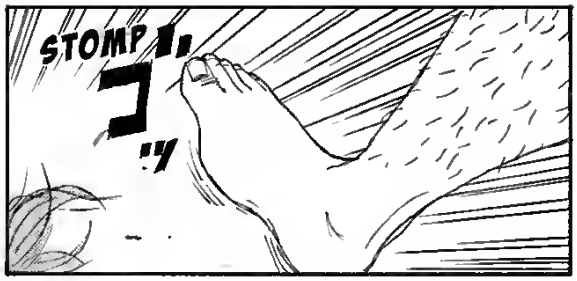
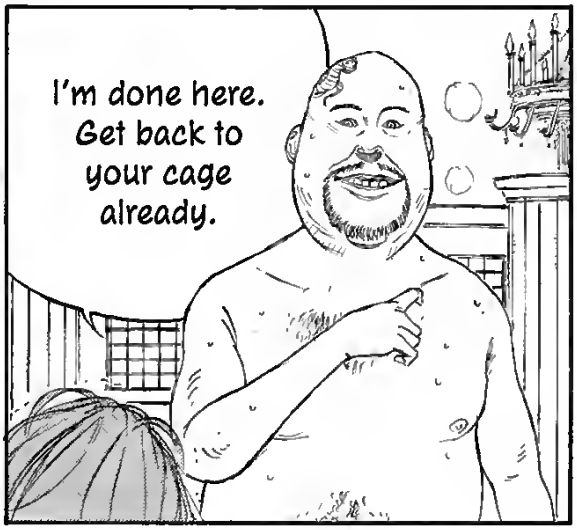
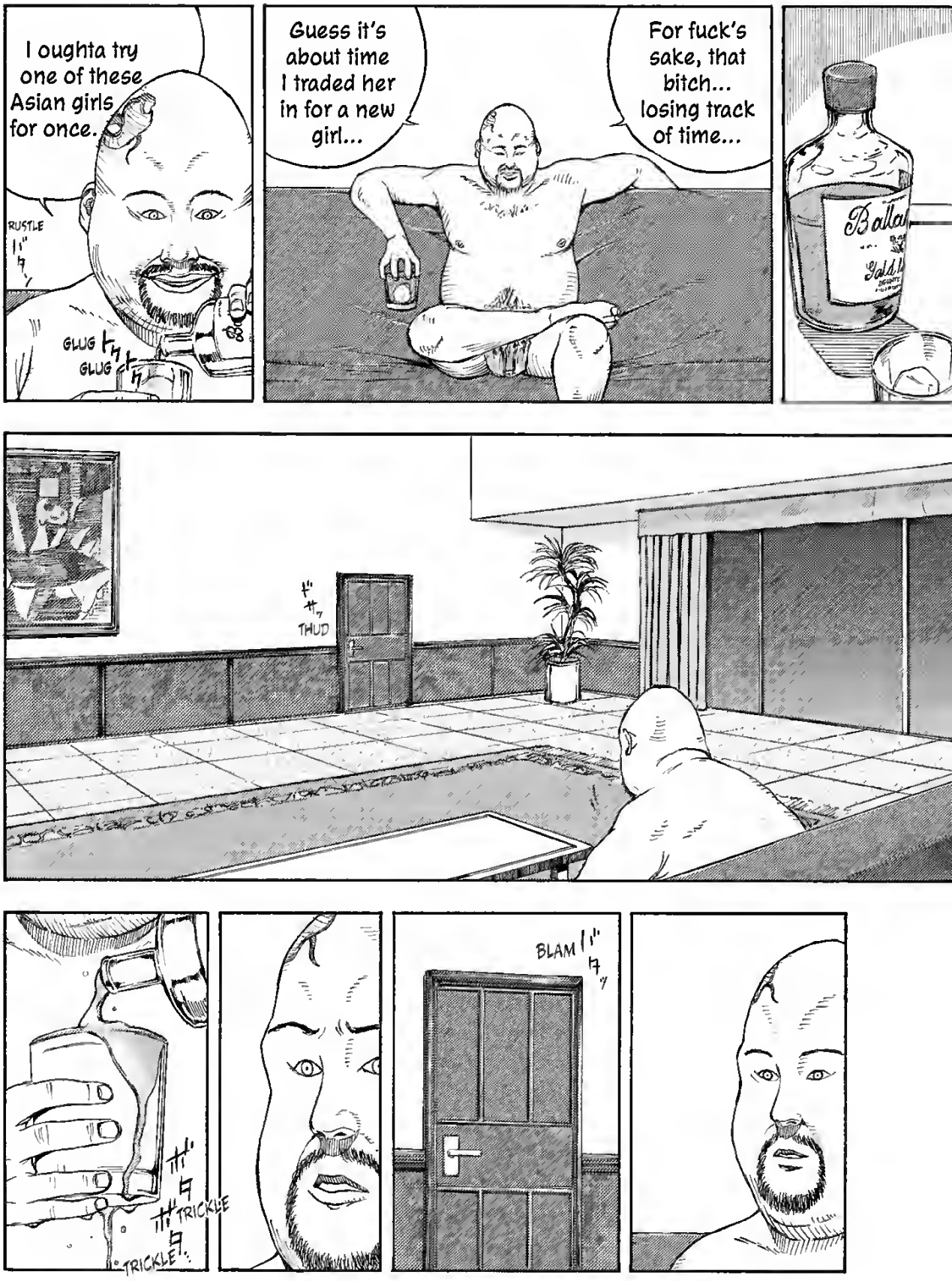
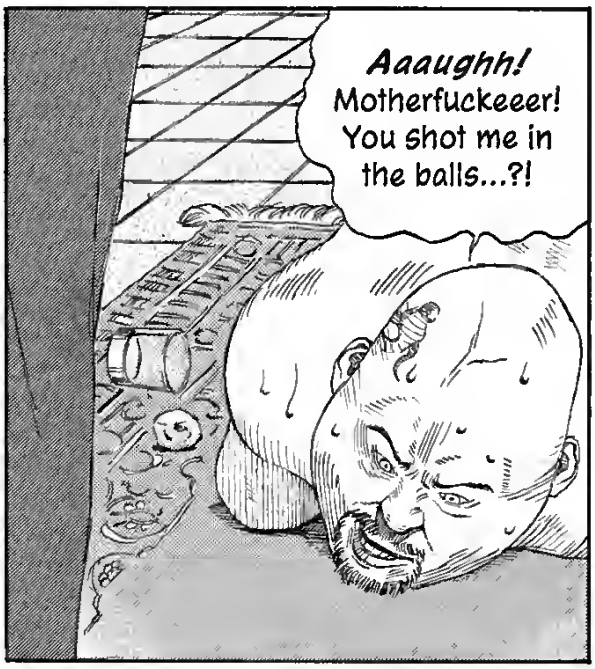

Got it? Don't ever keep me waiting again. Not even for a second.
WOBBLE
...Yes sir.

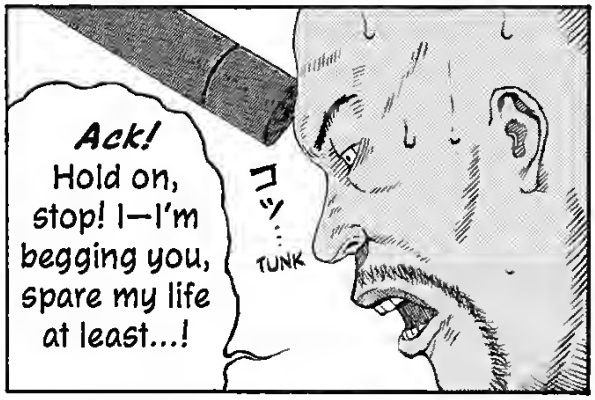

STOMP


I'm done here. Get back to your cage already.


I oughta try one of these Asian girls for once.
RUSTLE
GLUG GLUG
Guess it's about time I traded her in for a new girl...
For fuck's sake, that bitch... losing track of time...
THUD
TRICKLE
TRICKLE
BLAM

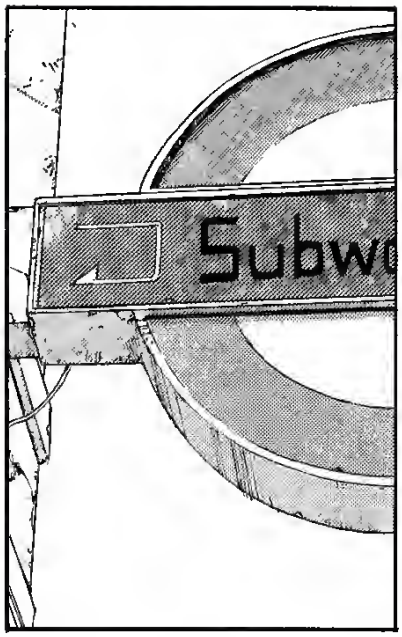
W-w-who the fuck are you?!
WHAM
JERK
Agh!
Somebody get in here! Intruder!
Any-body!
M-m-money ?!
Just, just hold on! What is it, dammit?!
Wait! Calm down, let's talk!
What's your business ?!
FWUP
Wai-


Aaaughh!
Motherfuckeeer!
You shot me in the balls...?!


Ack!
Hold on, stop! I—I'm begging you, spare my life at least...!
ゴッ…
TUNK

I got one thing to ask you.

KA-
CHAK
ガチャ…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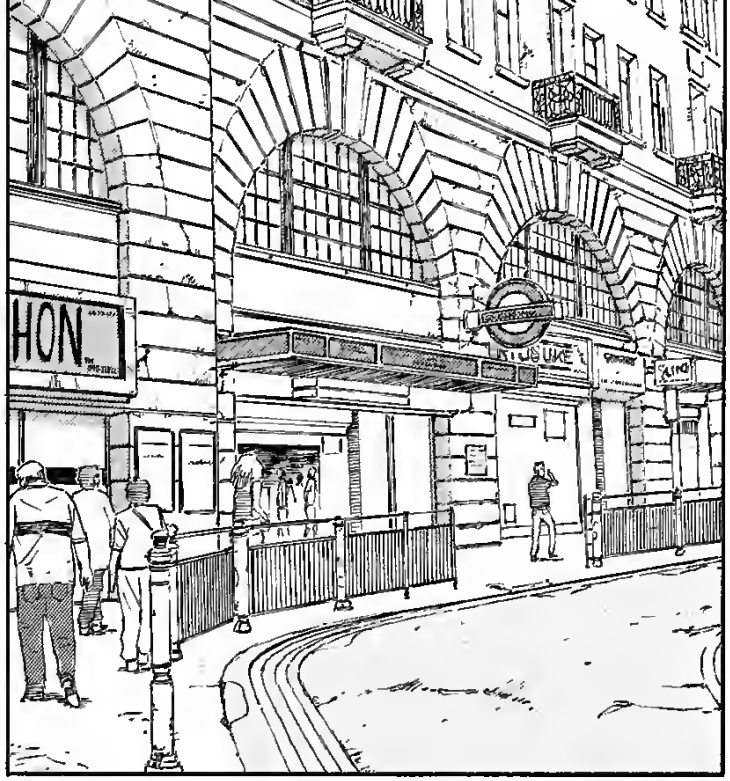
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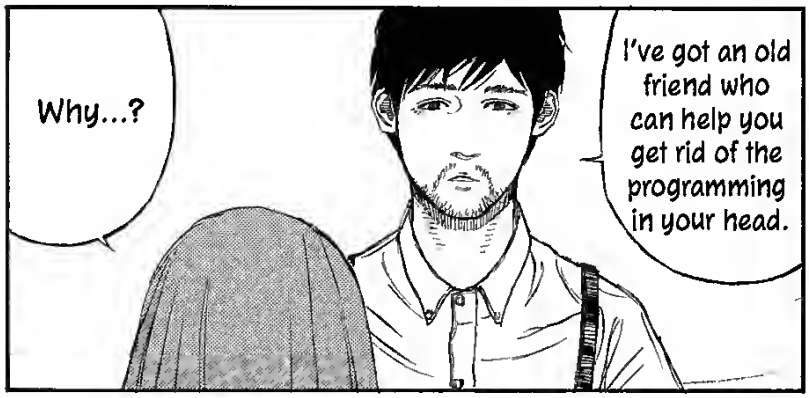
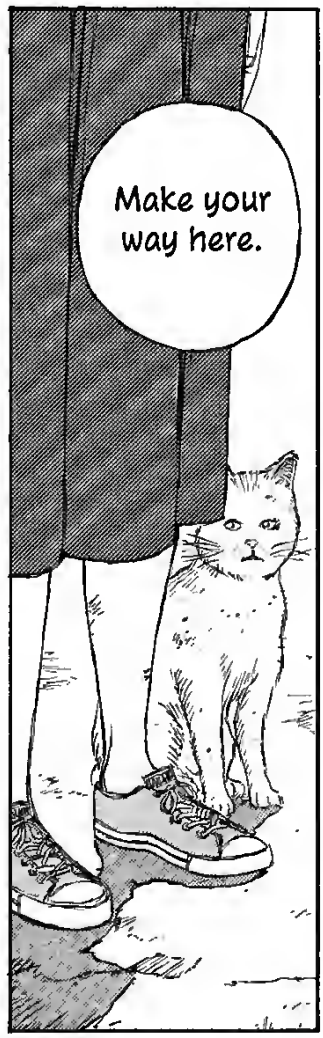
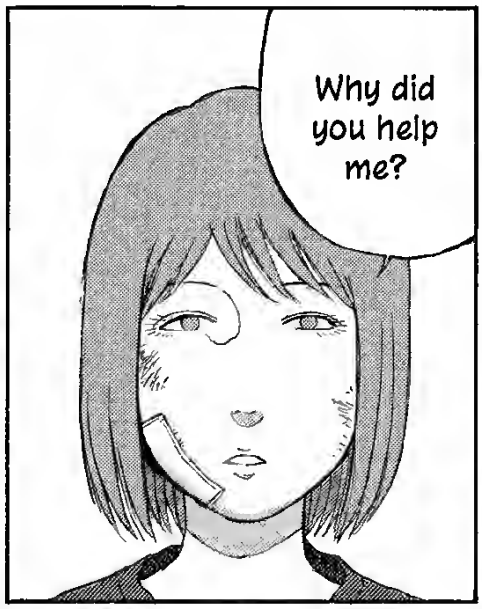
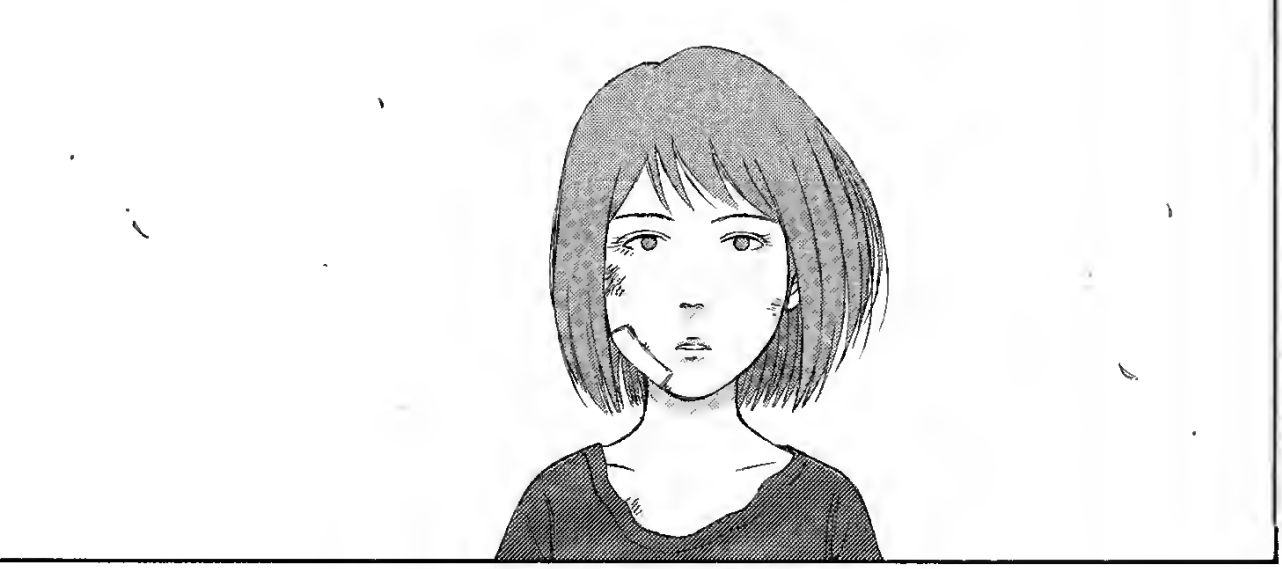

Why...?
I've got an old friend who can help you get rid of the programming in your head.

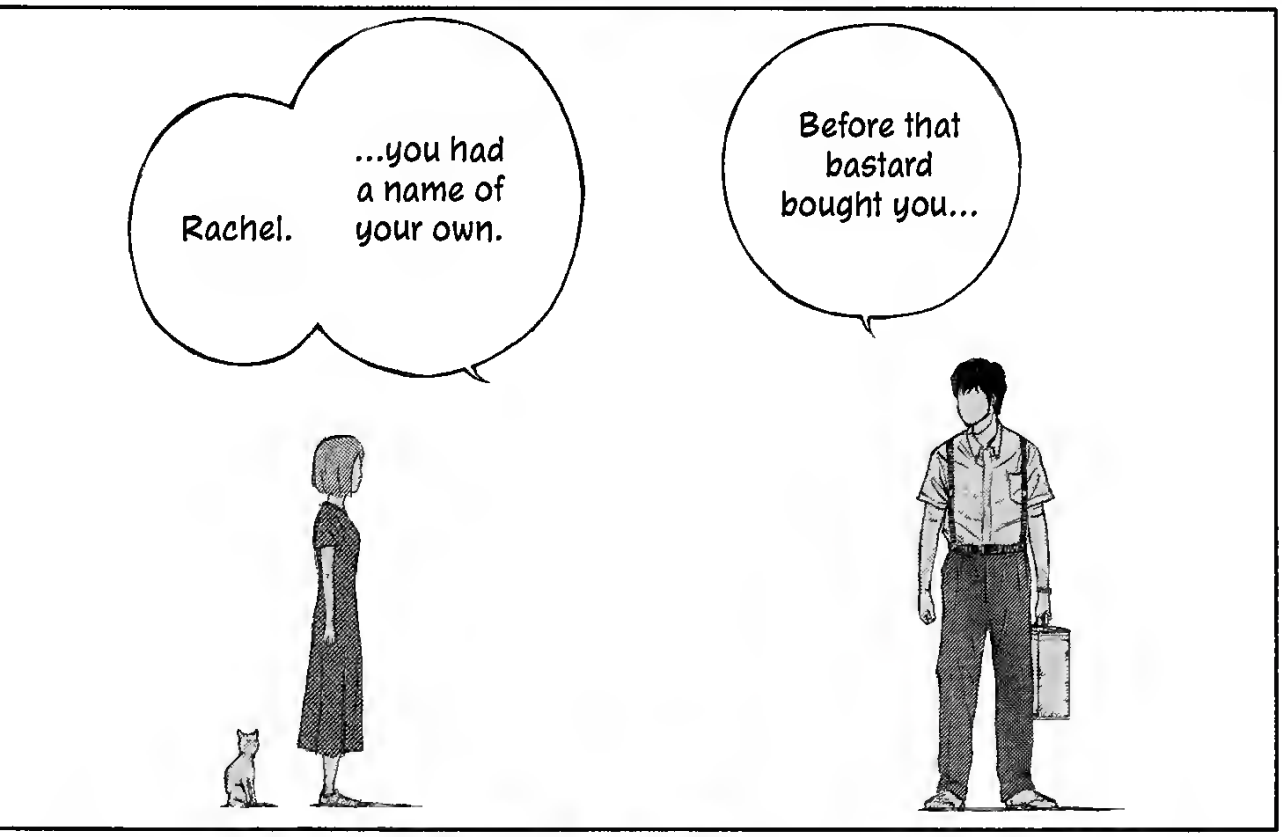

Make your way here.

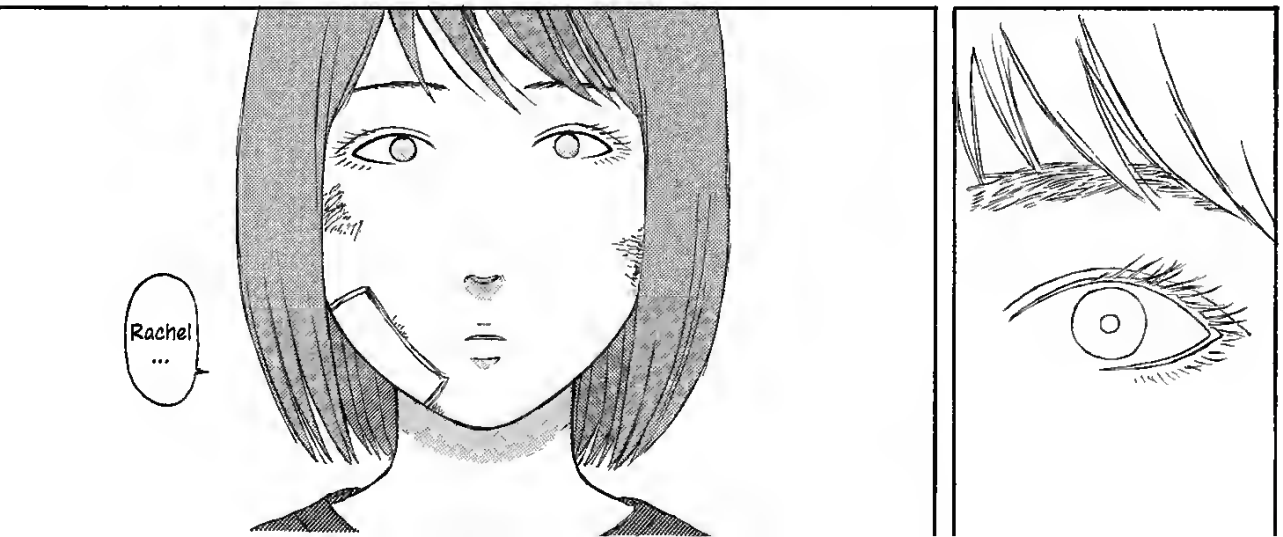

Why did you help me?

I've been killing people so long, at some point I forgot how to feel anything... as if I were a machine.
I've had the same thought as you.
I thought saving you...
...might bring me a little closer to being human.

Rachel.
...
I see...
Well,
see ya.
Oh.




Before that bastard bought you...
...you had a name of your own.
Rachel.


Rachel ...

My name is...
...Rachel.
Aaah... I see.
TWITCH
Don't you dare lose it.
9.12 SAT
FANDE
UZUMAKI
Thank you.

YMKC
The serial killer is laughing in the rain.
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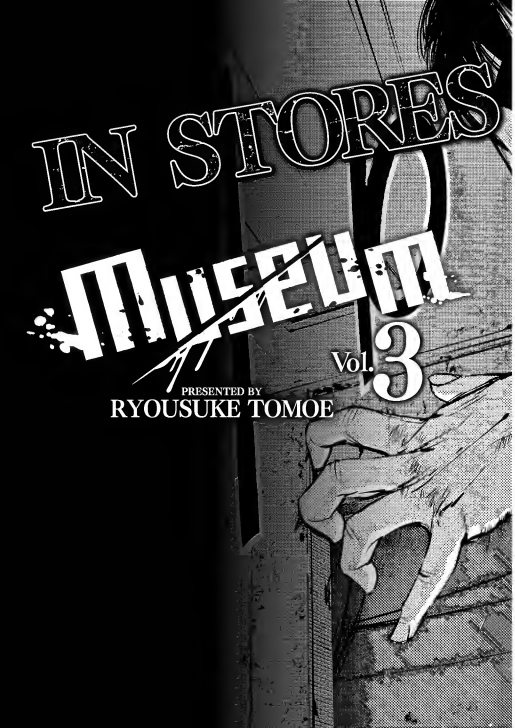
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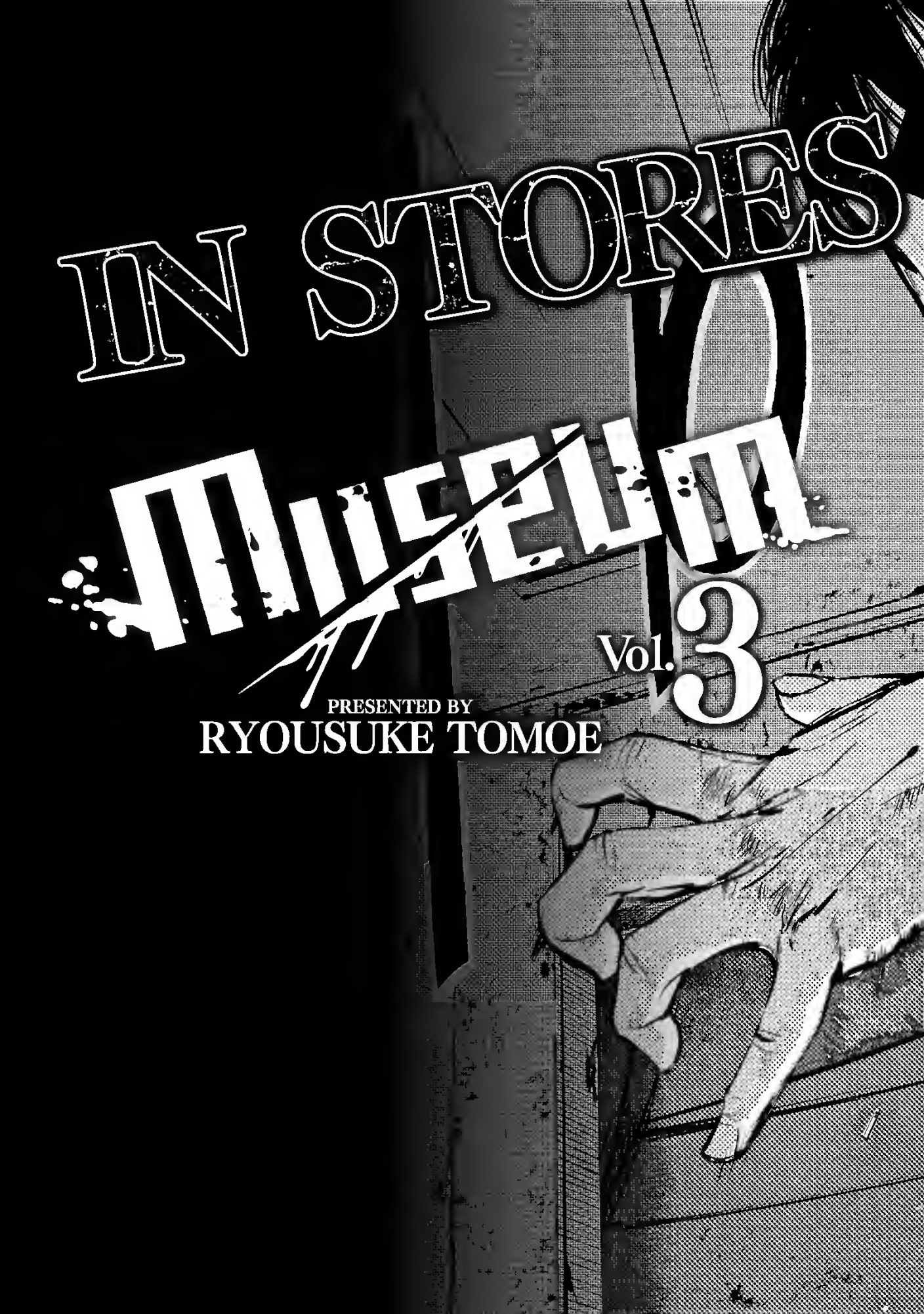
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